

## **Lord Victor Adebowale**

## **Independent Non-Executive Director**

Appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director on 6 April 2016. Victor serves on our Risk & Audit Committee.

## **Skills and Experience**

Victor has been involved in a number of independent commissions advising governments on mental health; learning disabilities; the role of the voluntary sector; Youth Crime Prevention; policing and stop and search; policing and mental health; housing policy; the future of public services and employment/skills and Race and Equalities, Social Finance/ Investment.

He is currently Founding Chair of Collaborate CIC; Director Leadership in Mind Ltd; Chair the NHS Confederation; Chair of Social Enterprise UK; Co-founder and Chair of Visionable.com; a visiting Professor of Social Policy at University of Lincoln and Patron of the Art House Wakefield.

Victor has a Masters in Advanced Organisational Consulting from City University and The Tavistock Institute.

## Why I love being a Director of our Co-op

Our Co-op is here to create value for our members and the communities in which we trade and I'm proud of how our different way of doing business has supported members, colleagues and communities through some very difficult times. I'm passionate about co-operation and the Co-op way of doing business - putting members at the heart of everything we do is something very important to me. We're a trusted household name and a respected brand and as such have a responsibility to speak out on the issues that matter to our members. Co-operation underpins everything we do and I would be honoured to be re-elected to our Board so I can continue to ensure that we stay true to our co-op difference.