

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Announcements or Communications	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: January 22 2014

Recommendation

The Council is invited to receive any announcements or communications from the Mayor or the Chief Executive.

1. Obituaries

Nelson Mandela

Following the death of Nelson Mandela on Thursday December 5 the Council paid tribute by flying the South African flag at half mast, opening a book of condolence at Catford Civic Suite, and holding a one-minute's silence on Friday December 6 as a mark of respect. The Council also organised a multi-faith memorial service for former President Mandela at St Mary's Church, 346 Lewisham High Street, on Tuesday 10 December.

Councillor Sam Owolabi-Oluyole

Council had previously granted Councillor Sam Owolabi-Oluyole a leave of absence on ill health grounds. Regrettably, he failed to recover from his illness and died on Friday January 3 2014. He was first elected in 2002 and was in his third term as an Evelyn Ward Councillor.

A full tribute to Councillor Sam Owolabi-Oluyole can be viewed at:

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/news/Pages/Tribute-to-Councillor-Sam-Owolabi-Oluyole.aspx>

Former Councillor Jim Stevenson

Former Councillor Jim Stevenson died in December 2013 and his funeral took place at Hither Green Crematorium on Wednesday 18 December. He served the Ladywell Ward from 1986-1998 and had been Chair of both the former Central Services and Leisure Services Committees.

The Council will be asked to stand for a minute's silence in their memory.

2. Freedom of the Borough Ceremony: Baroness Doreen Lawrence of Clarendon OBE.

The Council is asked to note the date and time of the meeting has again had to be changed and will now take place on **Friday 14 March 2014 at 6pm**

3. Councillor Jenni Clutten

The Council is asked to congratulate Councillor Clutten on the birth of a baby girl named Evelina on November 28 2013.

4. New Year's Honours List

The Council is asked to note the following awards with a Lewisham connection:

Margaret and Barry Mizen have both been awarded the MBE for their work increasing young people's awareness of the consequences of violent crime.

Mrs Cynthia Eubanks. (Hyacinth), Executive Headteacher, Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Primary Schools has been awarded the OBE for services to Education.

5. Holocaust Memorial Day - January 26 2014

Since the creation of Holocaust Memorial Day in 2001, this Council has marked the day with two events each year. One is the multi-faith service at the Catford synagogue and the other is a production featuring young people from a range of Lewisham schools, performing poetry, drama, dance and singing at the Broadway Theatre. Both events will reflect this year's theme of 'Journeys'.

This year the both the service and the theatre production will take place on Sunday, 26 January.

Councillor Pauline Morrison, as Chair of the Holocaust Memorial Committee, leads this Council's tribute to the victims of the Holocaust and will address the meeting.

Also, the London Cantorial choir under the directorship of David Druce will perform and the Minister at the Catford & Bromley synagogue, Reverend David Rome, will speak to Council and light a candle in memory of all those who perished in the Holocaust.

Members will be asked to observe a period of silence in their memory.