

<b>COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Announcements or Communications	
<b>Key Decision</b>		Item No.
<b>Ward</b>	n/a	
<b>Contributors</b>	Chief Executive	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: September 20 2017

## **Recommendation**

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

### **1. Roland Moyle RIP**

The death has been reported in July of the former Lewisham MP Roland Moyle. at the age of 89.

He was first elected for the former borough constituency of Lewisham North in 1966, and following boundary changes was subsequently elected for the Lewisham East constituency from 1974 until 1983.

His funeral took place on Tuesday 8 August at All Saints' Church in Blackheath.

### **2. Resignation of the Chief Executive**

The Chief Executive issued the following statement to staff on September 11 2017

#### **Dear Colleagues**

**It is with considerable personal sadness that I have decided to resign as Chief Executive of the London Borough of Lewisham. As you may know for the past three months the Council allowed me to be seconded to the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea (RBKC) so that I could stabilise their management in the aftermath of the Grenfell fire tragedy.**

**My role at RBKC has proved to be incredibly demanding in managing the response and the recovery following the fire. Three months later there is a considerable amount of work still to be done. Hundreds of families still require permanent rehousing and they also need care and support to help them discover their own paths to personal recovery.**

**However, now that the secondment is at an end I need to advise RBKC whether I am prepared to manage their organisation over the longer term. I have concluded that it is right for me to continue at RBKC rather than return to Lewisham Council.**

**I am extremely torn about leaving the Council. Working with such a positive group of staff over such a long time has been an enormous pleasure. Each and every day I am proud of your talents, efforts and dedication. I hope to get an opportunity to speak to as many of you as possible over the coming weeks. I want to convey my personal thanks for all that you have done, and continue to do, to help make the Council such a successful organisation. Knowing that I leave an organisation of people who have real passion about Lewisham as a place, makes leaving a little easier.**

**It may take a few weeks to make suitable alternative management arrangements and so I shall continue as Chief Executive here until that time.**

**Finally, as a Lewisham resident I am not leaving the place behind; it will remain forever in my thoughts, as indeed will your future successes.**

**Please accept my kindest regards for the future.**

**Barry Quirk CBE BSc PhD FRGS FRSA CiPFA (Hon)  
Chief Executive, London Borough of Lewisham**

In response, the Mayor issued the following statement on the same day:

**Dear colleagues**

**You will have heard from Barry Quirk of his intention to resign as our Chief Executive in order to become the Chief Executive of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC).**

**Barry has been acting in that role for the last three months as part of the arrangements put in place by London Government to support RBKC as it faced the most difficult of challenges.**

**Barry has served Lewisham as Chief Executive since 1994 and his departure will mark the end of an era. We want to thank him on behalf of the Council and our community for the outstanding work he has done over that period and to wish him well in his new role. Both of us also want to give our personal thanks to Barry, who we have worked with for so many years.**

**In the short term the management arrangements we have had in place since his secondment will continue. Barry will remain formally as Lewisham's Chief Executive for a short period longer. The Council faces a period of change and Barry's departure provides us with the opportunity to consider what kind of leadership the organisation will need in future. We will write to you again in the near future with more information about how things will move forward.**

**Yours sincerely**

**Sir Steve Bullock  
Mayor of Lewisham**

### **3. Daryll Neita**

The Council is asked to congratulate local athlete Daryll Neita, who added a 4x100 metres relay silver medal from the World Athletics Championships in London to the bronze medal she won at the same event in the 2016 Rio Olympics.