

COUNCIL			
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Recommendation

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

London Borough of Culture 2021

Earlier this month, Lewisham was awarded London Borough of Culture 2021 by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan. From dance groups to choirs, youth theatres to the visual arts – this is a wonderful recognition of the many community arts organisations that thrive in Lewisham. Throughout 2021 we will be showcasing the very best of arts and culture not just to London, but to the whole country. To sign-up for updates and to get involved visit www.iamlewisham.uk

Rough Sleeping Initiative Funding

Lewisham Council has secured £720,421 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to tackle rough sleeping in the borough. Lewisham has become an early adopter of the Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) programme, which will enable it to appoint a Rough Sleeping Prevention officer. The funding will also increase staffing at the 999 Club Night Shelter to further support rough sleepers.

Migration Museum opens in Lewisham

The Migration Museum has recently opened at Lewisham Shopping Centre. The Museum tells the story of how migration has shaped the UK through dynamic exhibitions and outreach classes, and the Council is working to link it up with the local community and its Borough of Sanctuary work. For more information about the Migration Museum visit www.migrationmuseum.org

Building London Planning awards

Lewisham has won two Building London Planning awards, run by London First, which celebrate the diverse talent across the built environment sector.

Team Catford, which leads the community engagement on the regeneration of Catford town centre on behalf of Lewisham Council, won the Community Engagement in the Planning Process award.

The Fellowship Inn in Bellingham won the Heritage and Culture award. The historic listed public house in Bellingham has been transformed into a popular social and cultural venue, following the Council and Phoenix Community Housing working with the local community to develop plans that would protect its heritage.