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## Recommendation

The Council is invited to receive any announcements or communications from the Speaker, the Mayor, members of the Executive or the Chief Executive

### National COVID-19 lockdown

Lewisham and the rest of the country has entered a national lockdown due to the rapidly increasing rates of COVID-19. Everyone is urged to stay at home except for essential purposes, to protect the NHS and save lives. For more information and support visit [www.lewisham.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Residents can also contact the Council by emailing [incident@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:incident@lewisham.gov.uk) or call 020 8314 3535

Residents should wait to be contacted by their GP or NHS England to arrange an appointment when it is their turn to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. They should not contact their practice to ask for the vaccine until called in order to ensure it is rolled out to priority groups promptly. For more information visit [selondonccg.nhs.uk/what-we-do/covid-19/](http://selondonccg.nhs.uk/what-we-do/covid-19/)

### Holocaust Memorial Day

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January is Holocaust Memorial Day, a day to remember the millions of lives lost in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

This year a special service, featuring Lewisham school children involved in Lewisham's Holocaust education programme, will be hosted on the Council website. The recording can be viewed from Holocaust Memorial Day on [lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events](http://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events)

### New Cross Fire fortieth anniversary

On 18 January 1981, the New Cross Fire led tragically to the deaths of 14 young Black people. This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the New Cross Fire. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions we will not be able to come together as we usually would for a memorial service at St Andrew's Church, Brockley, but there will be an on-line service available to watch at home from 3pm on Sunday 17 January. The service can be viewed at [lewisham.gov.uk/newcrossfire](http://lewisham.gov.uk/newcrossfire)

### **Mayor of Lewisham's 2020 winter appeal**

The Mayor of Lewisham's 2020 winter appeal, which fundraised for Voluntary Services Lewisham and the 999 Club to support vulnerable children and homeless people in Lewisham, raised over £42,000 over Christmas. Thanks to the generosity of the community we have been able to help thousands more people.

### **Citizens UK Award**

London Borough of Lewisham received a Local Authority award from CitizensUK for its work in resettling refugee families and going 'above and beyond' to galvanise other Local Authorities to follow suit. Lewisham has a proud tradition of welcoming people fleeing violence and persecution and is on its way to becoming a Sanctuary Borough.

### **New Year Honours List 2021**

Congratulations to Paul Amadi from Sydenham who was awarded an MBE in the New Year's List 2021 in recognition of his charitable services and two decades of fundraising work. Paul is Chief Support Officer of the British Red Cross.

### **Former Lewisham Young Mayor appointed as Youth Justice Board Member**

Congratulations are offered to Jacob Sakil, former Young Mayor of Lewisham and youth worker, who has been appointed as the youngest member of the National Youth Justice Board. Jacob will be supporting the non-departmental public body's work to monitor the operation of the youth justice system and help build lasting changes that benefit young people.