

COUNCIL			
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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

Councillor Sue Hordijenko RIP

The Council notes with great sadness the death of Councillor Sue Hordijenko. Councillor Hordijenko was elected to Lewisham Council in a by-election in 2016 and represented the Bellingham ward.

Councillor Hordijenko dedicated herself to her community, working tirelessly to make it a better place. She will be remembered for her warmth, friendly smile and support for the people she represented.

Councillor Hordijenko was a popular and respected figure at the Council who contributed to the Licensing Committee in a well-considered and measured way. She served on the Healthier Communities Select Committee and was concerned about the well-being of rough sleepers and the homeless. Her belief that everyone should have a decent home led to her enthusiastic work on the board of Phoenix Community Housing Association.

Lewisham has lost a kind and compassionate councillor who always found the time and effort to help residents. Our thoughts are with Councillor Hordijenko's family at this difficult time.

A JustGiving page has been set up in her memory, to support a cause close to her heart: the Marcus Rashford charity 'FareShare', which fights hunger in the nation's most vulnerable communities. Donations can be made to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sue-hordijenko

The Council has also opened an online book of condolences for friends, family and colleagues of Councillor Hordijenko to share their thoughts and tributes: councillorsuehordijenko.muchloved.com/.

Councillor Joe Dromey

Councillor Joe Dromey has announced he is to resign from the Council to take on a new full time role as Director of Central London Forward (CLF). Cllr Dromey,

who is one of three councillors representing New Cross ward, was first elected to Lewisham Council in 2014 and served as Cabinet Member for Culture, Jobs and Skills (job share) from 2018. He also served as Cabinet Member for Policy, Performance and Communications between 2014 and 2018.

Councillor Dromey led the Council's work on employment, skills and economic development, including the Council's business support response to the pandemic, and has been a champion for Lewisham's small businesses. A by-election in New Cross will take place at the same time as the London Mayoral election in May 2021.

London Mayoral and Assembly Member elections – May 2021

The 2021 London Mayoral and Assembly Member elections will be held on Thursday 6 May 2021. The Council is encouraging residents to register to vote by post to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The last date to register to vote is midnight 19 April. For more information visit

lewisham.gov.uk/mayorandcouncil/elections/mayor-of-london-and-london-assembly-election-2021

Census

The census happens every ten years and the next Census Day is Sunday 21 March 2021. The ONS will send a letter to all properties shortly with details for how to complete your census form, with the majority being asked to complete their form online. The information households provide will help decide how services are planned and funded in the area. For more information or support on how to complete the form visit <https://lewisham.gov.uk/census2021>

International Women's Day

International Women's Day takes place on Monday 8 March, with this year's theme being 'Choose to Challenge'. Lewisham Council will be hosting a wide range of events and materials to celebrate the day. Details of the programme will be announced in due course at <https://www.iamlewisham.uk/>

Lewisham Council AGM

Lewisham Council's AGM has been rescheduled to Wednesday 26 May.