



Council

Announcements and Communications

Date: 28 September 2022

Key decision: N/a

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: n/a

Contributors: Chief Executive (**Head of Governance and Committee Services**)

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to receive any announcements or communications

Recommendation

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

The Death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Alongside the rest of the country, Lewisham has been mourning the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Having served our country and the Commonwealth for over seven decades, she was a constant in an ever changing society and gained admiration and respect all over the world.

Earlier this year, Lewisham came together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with community events and street parties across the borough. These are special memories that will be cherished.

Prior to her funeral, faith leaders and the local community all came together over services at Lewisham Sivan Temple, Catford and Bromley Synagogue and St Mary the Virgin Church to pay our respects. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Past Badges of Office

It is common practice to recognise the people who have held civic office by presenting them with a miniature badge of the Council's coat of arms to express the gratitude of the Council. The replica badges recognise the commitment of their roles undertaking civic engagements on behalf of the London Borough of Lewisham.

The immediate former Speaker, Councillor Jacq Paschoud, and her consort, Councillor John Paschoud, are asked to come up to receive their badges from the Speaker.

Black History Month in October

Lewisham is looking forward to commemorating Black History Month in October which highlights the history, achievements and contributions of Black communities in the UK.

We're proud of the diversity of our borough. Lewisham has undoubtedly been positively shaped by our Black communities and October will be a month to celebrate these contributions.

As London's Borough of Culture 2022, we have also been exploring Black history and culture throughout the year with Black History Lewisham 365, our year-round commitment to acknowledging the legacies and contributions of our Black communities.

The theme for this year's Black History Month is "Time for Change: Action Not Words". Events will be held across the borough during October. Further information can be found on the Council website.