



## Council

### Young Mayor Election

**Date:** 1 March 2023

**Key decision:** No

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** n/a

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

### Outline and recommendation

1. To welcome the newly elected Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor, and witness them signing their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct;
2. To thank the outgoing Young Mayor, Rosanna Campbell, and Deputy Young Mayor, Olivia Marding.

The election for a Young Mayor was held on 8 February 2023 with 24 candidates on the ballot paper and 9,988 votes cast.

Jentai Gen-One, aged 15, a Lewisham resident who attends the Brit School in Croydon, was elected Young Mayor, having received 1,682 votes on a turnout of 58%.

The candidate with the second highest number of votes, Llywella-Paige Hoban, a student at Bonus Pastor Catholic College will act as Deputy Mayor during Jentai's year of office. Llywella-Paige received 1,444 votes.

Every year, Lewisham holds a democratic election through schools and colleges to elect a Young Mayor.

The Young Mayor serves a one-year term and:

- supports, and is a spokesperson for, the borough's young people
- informs and advises the mayor on issues relating to young people
- works with the young advisers and young citizens' panel to inform the work of the mayor,

## Council and other decision-making bodies

- oversees a budget of at least £25,000.

The Young Mayor provides a focus and a channel for young people's views to be heard by Mayor and Cabinet and Council.

The Young Mayor gets support from a group of between 12 and 30 young advisers. They have access to the full range of young people's forums, networks and school councils.

Lewisham has the longest established Young Mayor programme in the country. It was started in 2004 by Sir Steve Bullock, former Mayor of Lewisham.

A Code of Conduct for the Young Mayor and the Deputy Mayor is attached at Appendix A.

# Young Mayor of Lewisham 2023

## Code of Conduct

- I agree that I will treat other candidates and their supporters with respect.
- I agree that I (and my supporters) will only produce materials that have been agreed by the officers of the council, and that they will not be fly posted.
- If elected I will participate in a 3, 6 and a 9 month review of progress with the officers of the Young Mayor Team.
- If elected I agree that I will carry out the duties of the Lewisham Young Mayor as best I can. These duties will be agreed with the officers of the council. I understand that it is a public role representing the Local Authority and the young people of Lewisham and I will behave appropriately at all times.
- I will not use this public role to publicise or endorse products or brands nor will I be sponsored/supported by products, brands or organisations as this could be seen as a conflict of interest.
- If elected I agree I will work closely with the Lewisham Mayor, the Council and Young Advisors and report regularly to the young people of Lewisham.
- I agree that I will not behave in a sexist, racist, homophobic or other manner that may offend or discriminate against people.
- And I will challenge such behaviour should I come across it in the role of Young Mayor/ Deputy Young Mayor or Young Advisor, and aim to actively support groups who are marginalised in society.

**Name (printed)**

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**Signed**

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**Date**

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