



Council

Announcements or Communications

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Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to receive any announcements or communications from the Speaker, the Mayor, members of the Executive or the Chief Executive.

The Death of Former Councillor Peggy Fitzsimmons RIP

It is with the utmost sadness that I inform you that former Mayor and Councillor Peggy Fitzsimmons passed away on Tuesday 18 April 2023.

Peggy was first elected to Lewisham Council as Councillor for Rushey Green Ward in 1986 and retired from Council in 2014. Peggy was Mayor from 1988 – 89, choosing her late husband Bill as her consort. Peggy was known to many local people through her work in Lewisham Hospital, firstly as a nurse in the Blood Donor Hall, and later in retirement organising to raise funds with the Lewi Fund for their first CT scanner.

Peggy was best known as a campaigner for the recognition of the needs and rights of older people, and the contribution they make to our society. She served as Chair of the Social Care and Health Select Committee from 2003 – 2006, and as Cabinet Member for Older People (later Older People's Champion) from 2006 – 2012. Peggy was responsible for founding Lewisham's Positive Ageing Council, of which she was the first chair. POSAC continues today and one of the many achievements was the Lay Visitors Scheme that, following the COVID pandemic, has restarted again.