

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Announcements or Communications	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: November 27 2013

Recommendation

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAYOR

1. John Collins – 50 years service

I ask the Council to pay tribute to the long and distinguished service to local government in Lewisham that trade union secondee John Collins has now given over 50 years.

John joined the London County Council on 9 September 1963. He was appointed full-time trade union secondee as Branch Secretary for NUPE on 1 September 1988 and was elected Branch Secretary of Unison in 1998. He has now served his union members and colleagues for 25 years as their representative.

John was born in Brockley and has lived in the borough of Lewisham all of his life.

Council is asked to recognise the important role that trade unions play in a thriving workplace and thank John Collins for his valuable contribution over the years.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

2. Freedom of the Borough Ceremony: Baroness Doreen Lawrence of Clarendon OBE.

The Council is asked to note the date and time of the meeting has been changed and will now take place on **Friday January 31 2014 at 6pm**

3. Attendance at Meetings

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to bring to the attention of the Council that notification has been received from the Chair of Council that Councillor Sam Owolabi-Oluyole has been

advised to refrain from public duties owing to serious illness and has asked for a six month leave of absence commencing from November 28 2013.

2. Reason for Urgency

If a Councillor does not attend a Council meeting for a period of six months the member ceases to be a member unless the Council approves the reason for non-attendance before expiry of the six month period.

3. Background

Councillor Sam Owolabi-Oluyole last attended a council meeting on September 19 2013.

4. Legal Implications

Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that if a member fails to attend any meeting of the authority for a period of six consecutive months from the date of his/her last attendance, he/she shall cease to be a member, unless the failure is due to a reason approved by the authority. Approval must be given before the expiry of the six months, otherwise a vacancy would have to be declared on the expiry of the six months and a by-election held.

5. Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications.

6. **Recommendation**

That the Council agrees a leave of absence for Councillor Sam Owolabi-Oluyole for a period of six months from 28 November 2013 to 25 May 2014.