

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Announcements or Communications	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward	n/a	
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: November 22 2017

Recommendation

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

1. Frank Doran RIP

The death has been reported of Frank Doran, a former MP and husband of Honorary Freewoman Dame Joan Ruddock. His funeral was to take place on November 16 in Edinburgh and the Council was due to be represented by the Chair of Council and his wife, Sandra.

2. Freedom of the City of London – Janet Rose Senior

The Council is asked to congratulate the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration on her appointment as a Freeman of the City of London on October 12 2017.

Her appointment was agreed by the Common Council of the City of London after considering a nomination made by Jeremy Paul Mayhew (Citizen and Loriner) and Robert James Ingham Clark (Citizen and Clothworker).

3. Looked after Children’s Poetry

A book of poetry written by Lewisham Looked After Children will be available for purchase at the meeting.

4 Councillor Helen Klier

1 Summary

This report seeks the Council’s approval of the reason for non-attendance of Councillor Helen Klier at Council meetings.

2 Purpose of this report

To approve the reason for Councillor Klier’s non-attendance at Council meetings

3 Recommendation

The Council is recommended to approve the reason for Councillor Helen Klier's non-attendance at Council meetings since 13/9/17, as set out in this report.

4 Background

4.1 Councillor Klier's last attendance at a Council meeting was at Children and Young People Select Committee on 13th September 2017. Later that day, she sustained injuries in a domestic fire and as a result has been unable to attend Council meetings since. Indications are that Councillor Klier will be unable to attend Council meetings for several more months.

4.2 Section 85(1) Local Government Act 1972 states that if a member of a local authority fails, throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his/her last attendance, to attend any meeting of the authority, then unless the failure was due to a reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, they cease to be a member.

4.3 If the Council approves the reason for the non-attendance as proposed, Councillor Klier will not cease to be a member on expiry of her 6 months absence. Were the Council not to approve the reason for absence, a vacancy would arise on expiry of the six month period of absence, but as this would be within 6 months of the ordinary day of local election in May 2018, it would not need to be filled before that election day.

5 Legal implications

These are set out in the body of the report

6 Financial implications

There are no financial implications

7 Conclusion

Council is asked to approve the reason for Councillor Klier's absence as set out in this report.

5. Dominica

Councillor Michael will report on the situation in Dominica following his return from there.

6. White Ribbon campaign

The Mayor will report on this year's White Ribbon campaign