

<b>COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Announcements or Communications	
<b>Key Decision</b>		Item No.
<b>Ward</b>	n/a	
<b>Contributors</b>	Chief Executive	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: July 18 2018

## **Recommendation**

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

### **1. Report of the Returning Officer**

The Chair of Council will report that at a by-election held on June 14 for the Lewisham East Parliamentary Constituency, Whitefoot Ward Councillor Janet Daby, the Labour Party Candidate, was elected to succeed Heidi Alexander who has become a Deputy Mayor for London.

### **2. Win Hardy RIP**

Win Hardy, a former Mayoress of Lewisham died in June at the age of 92. She was Mayoress to her husband Stan Hardy in the 1974-75 municipal year. Stan Hardy was a Bellingham Ward Councillor and Win still resided in the Ward. Her funeral took place on June 25 at Hither Green Crematorium.

### **3. Queen's Birthday Honours**

The Council is asked to congratulate the following persons with Lewisham connections who received awards in the latest Queen's Birthday Honours.

Janet Vitmayer, recently retired Chief Executive of the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill who was a CBE has now become a DBE.

Veronica Jobbins has been awarded an MBE for services to young people. Veronica is the dance learning and dance participation director for Trinity Laban and has done all of the partnership work between Laban and the Council for many years. '

### **4. Deputy Lieutenant**

The Council is asked to note that Lewisham's Representative Deputy Lieutenant, Colonel Jane Davis, has been promoted to be the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater London. So, she will no longer be Lewisham's Deputy Lieutenant. She has held this role in Lewisham for just over 10 years and during that time has worked hard to develop our links with the military establishments and personnel as well as the various cadet organisations based in the borough.

The Council (the Mayor and the former Mayor) made a presentation to Jane at her final duty as the borough's Deputy Lieutenant, at last month's Armed Forces day, an event arranged by the Council. Taking her place as Lewisham's new DL is former Mayor Sir Steve Bullock.

## **5. Past badges of office**

It is common practice to recognise the people who have held civic office to have a miniature badge of the Council's coat of arms presented to them, 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 Chair and consort are asked to come up to receive their badges from the Mayor/Chair.

## **6. Councillor Sophie Davis**

### **1 Summary**

This report seeks the Council's approval of the reason for non-attendance of Councillor Sophie Davis at Council meetings.

### **2 Purpose of this report**

To approve the reason for Councillor Davis's non-attendance at Council meetings

### **3 Recommendation**

The Council is recommended to approve the reason for Councillor Sophie Davis's non-attendance at Council meetings since 23/5/18, as set out in this report.

### **4 Background**

4.1 Councillor Davis's last attendance at a Council meeting was at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23 May 2018. She is currently in an advanced state of pregnancy with a due date of 20 July.

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 Davis 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.

### **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 Davis's absence as set out in this report.

### **7. London Youth Games - Team Lewisham**

The Council is asked to note that in the finals of the London Youth Games Lewisham won the accolade of Most Improved Borough.