

COUNCIL		
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Contributors	Chief Executive	
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Recommendation

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

1. OBITUARIES: Former Councillor Solomon Brown RIP and Former Councillor Gurbahksh Garcha RIP

The death took place in early September of former Councillor Solomon Brown at the age of 95.

He served one term as a Councillor for Hither Green ward from 1994 -1998 and in his last year as a Councillor, he was elected to serve as Deputy Mayor for the 1997/8 municipal year. He served on various Council committees, was a school Governor and sat on the board of various local charitable organisations. He had lived in the borough for over sixty years.

His funeral took place on Wednesday 26 September with a service at St. Michael's and All Angels church, Champion Crescent Sydenham, followed by burial at Hither Green Cemetery in Verdant Lane.

The death of former Councillor Gurbahksh Garcha at the age of 83 took place on Monday 24 September in Lewisham Hospital.

Gurbahksh served five terms on the Council from 1986 to 2006. He was a former Deputy Mayor and Mayor and from 2002 to 2006 was the Cabinet member for Social Inclusion in Steve Bullock's first Cabinet.

After his retirement he continued to play a very active part in civic life serving on SACRE, acting as Branch Secretary of the United Nations Association, assisting with Holocaust Memorial events and supporting the Rockbourne Youth Club which he helped found in 1978.

Details of funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

2. Presentation of Civic Badges

The Mayor will present commemorative badges to former Mayor, Sir Steve Bullock DL and to former Mayoress, Kris Hibbert.

3. Black History Month

October will be Black History Month and a full range of events will be hosted at Lewisham Library. The month will also be marked by the flying of a celebratory flag outside the Civic Suite.