

COUNCIL AGM

Report Title	Announcements or Communications		
Key Decision			Item No.
Ward			
Contributors	Chief Executive		
Class	Part 1	Date: May 26 2021	

Recommendation

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

(1) Report of the Returning Officer

To submit the return of the following persons elected as Borough Councillors on May 6 2021

Electoral Division	Name	Place of residence	Description
Bellingham	Rachel Onikosi	(Address in London Borough of Lewisham)	Labour and Co-operative Party
Catford South	James William Royston	(Address in London Borough of Lewisham)	Labour and Co-operative Party
New Cross	Samantha Latouche	(Address in London Borough of Lewisham)	The Labour Party
Sydenham	Jack Lavery	(Address in London Borough of Lewisham)	Labour and Co-operative Party

2. **Black Lives Matter**

The Speaker has asked that the Council be reminded of the first anniversary of the death of George Floyd and that the commitments made to Black Lives Matter at the July 2020 AGM remain just as valid now as they were last year.

3. **Reappointment of Lewisham's Mayoresses**

The Mayor has confirmed that Lewisham's Mayoresses Dawn Atkinson, Natasha Ricketts and Christina Norman will continue in their roles for another year. The three inspirational women, who volunteer at the Evelyn

Community Store, were appointed in 2020 for their fantastic work to tackle food poverty in the borough.

The Evelyn Community Store has supported hundreds of families on low incomes to purchase food at a low cost throughout the pandemic. The number of residents using the store has more than trebled since the pandemic and, in recognition of the Store's work, Tesco and Waitrose donated a brand new delivery van to help them get food out to those who need it.

The Mayoresses' volunteering efforts caught the attention of footballer and campaigner of Marcus Rashford, who interviewed them and a number of Evelyn Community Store members on BBC News last August.

4. Continuation of 999 Club as Mayoral charity

999 Club, a Deptford-based charity that supports people experiencing homelessness, will continue as Mayoral charity for another year. COVID-19 has been incredibly challenging for those without a home and the 999 Club has continued to run its night shelter and employment services for those in need. The Mayor and Council is incredibly grateful for the vital work 999 Club has been doing and will continue to work closely with them to support their voluntary and fundraising efforts.

5. Reappointment of Mayoral advisers

Barbara Gray, Mayor and Council Adviser on BAME health inequalities, and Royston John, Mayor and Council Adviser on BAME career progression, will continue in their roles for another year. The two will continue to work with the Mayor and the Council to deliver on their vision for the borough and put commitments to equalities into action.

6. Councillor Sakina Sheikh

The Council is asked to congratulate Councillor Sakina Sheikh on her election as a member of the London Assembly via the List system as a Labour Party candidate.