

<b>COUNCIL</b>		
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## **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. Obituaries: Malcolm Ball**

The Council notes with great sadness the death of Malcolm Ball. Malcolm played a huge part in setting up the Young Mayor's programme in 2004, the longest-established programme of its kind in the UK. Malcolm led hundreds of young Lewisham people through the programme, including the Young Advisers who meet weekly to discuss issues affecting young people in Lewisham. Malcolm was brought up in Deptford and worked in the youth work and voluntary sectors for approximately forty years. He saw youth work as his calling and his long-lasting contribution to young people in Lewisham will not be forgotten. Discussions about how Malcolm's legacy can be remembered are being had with his family, friends and young people.

A website to remember Malcolm has been set up for people who knew him to leave memories, thoughts or photos of Malcom:

<https://malcolmball.muchloved.com/>

### **Gloria Phillips MBE**

The Council notes with great sadness the death of Gloria Phillips MBE, a former long-serving Council officer who worked in Social Services for approximately 40 years. She set up Lewisham's Hospital Discharge Team, which she managed until her retirement. Gloria was nominated by the Council for an MBE in recognition of her outstanding and supportive work with elderly residents.

### **2. Retirements & Resignation: Kevin Sheehan**

Kevin Sheehan, Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm, will be retiring this summer. Kevin has worked at Lewisham Council for 26 years and has made an enormous contribution to the borough. Kevin has held a number of senior roles in the Council and in his current role has led the Building for Lewisham programme to deliver 1,000 new social homes and bolstered

consultation exercises with residents on important programmes including the Catford Regeneration. His expertise will be missed and we wish him all the best for his retirement.

### **Ralph Wilkinson**

Ralph Wilkinson, Director of Public Services, will be retiring at the end of July having worked at Lewisham Council for 38 years. As Director of Public Services he has coordinated the Council's emergency planning and business continuity arrangements and demonstrated selfless commitment to public services in the most challenging circumstances. Since March 2020 Ralph has led the Council's Gold response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2017 he led Lewisham's emergency planning resources to assist with the immediate response to the Grenfell Fire, and was temporarily seconded to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to build the Council's recovery response. We wish Ralph all the best for his retirement.

### **Suki Binjal**

The Council notes that Suki Binjal, Director of Law and Corporate Governance, will be leaving Lewisham Council at the end of July. Suki played an important role as a member of our executive management team, in steering the Council's response to the pandemic and for quickly and efficiently setting up hybrid meetings. We are grateful for Suki's support and wish her all the best.

### **3. Tokyo Olympics: Alex Yee**

Lewisham-born Alex Yee has been selected to represent Team GB triathlon team in the Tokyo 2021 Olympic Game. We are very proud of Alex and wish him the best of luck in the Olympics.