

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Announcements or Communications	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
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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.

Obituary – Peter Walsh RIP

The Council regrets to report the death of Peter Walsh, former Chair of the Millwall Community Trust and local head teacher. A report of the tribute paid to Peter by Millwall FC may be viewed at:

<https://www.millwallcommunity.org.uk/news/311>

The Council will be invited to observe a 1 minute silence in memory of Peter.

MJ awards

Lewisham Council has been highly commended for transforming lives through its Borough of Sanctuary programme in the MJ Awards 2021 in recognition of its ongoing work to become a Borough of Sanctuary and support migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. At a time when we are working hard to help resettle those who fled from Afghanistan, this commendation is testament to the hard work of the officers, partners and volunteers involved in our Borough of Sanctuary work.

Supporting Afghan refugees

As a Borough of Sanctuary, Lewisham is determined to provide a safe home for Afghan refugees fleeing conflict and persecution. We are working with many groups which support families arriving from Afghanistan and encourage landlords who may be able to offer suitable accommodation and volunteers with specific skills to get in touch. For more information about how we are supporting Afghan refugees and how else you can help visit the [Council website](#).

London Marathon 2021

Four runners, including the Mayor of Lewisham, will be running as part of Team Lewisham in the Virgin Money London Marathon 2021 on Sunday 3rd October to fundraise for the 999 Club, a local homeless charity based in Deptford. We wish all the runners - Damien Egan, Yossi Felberbaum, Kate Greenwood and David

McCollum - the best of luck. For more information and to donate to the fundraisers visit the [Council website](#).

Tokyo Olympics 2020

A number of athletes from Lewisham made the borough proud in the Tokyo Olympics this summer. Alex Yee from Brockley won Gold in the mixed relay triathlon and Silver in the men's triathlon. Daryll Neita, a former pupil of Gordonbrock Primary and Prendergast Hilly Fields schools, won Bronze in the women's 4x100m relay. We send our congratulations to Alex and Daryll who have achieved so much and inspired Lewisham's residents, particularly children and young people. Congratulations to all of those who participated in this year's Olympic and Paralympics Games.

London Youth Games

Young people from Lewisham were part of a team that won an impressive thirteen medals in the London Youth Games this summer. Meridian Canoe Club, representing the boroughs of Lewisham, Greenwich and Bexley, won five golds, five silvers and three bronzes in the London Youth Games kayak event. We send our congratulations to all the young athletes and wish them the best of luck for the future.

Celebrating Black History Month in Lewisham

Lewisham Council will be marking Black History Month throughout October and celebrating our black community by inviting people to share their history, legacies, learning, talents and ideas. More details of Lewisham's Black History Month programme and how to get involved will be shared soon. For the latest information visit the Council website.

World Homelessness Day

On Sunday 10 October, Lewisham Council will be marking World Homeless Day. This day aims to draw attention to the experiences of people in homelessness and provides an opportunity to local people to get involved in responding to homelessness. If you are experiencing homelessness or likely to be homeless, see [here](#) how the Council can help you. For more information on how the Council is tackling homelessness in the borough, you can look at the Council's Housing Strategy 2020-2026 [here](#).