

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Announcements or Communications	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: January 19 2022

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: Archbishop Desmond Tutu

The Council notes with sadness the death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a leader in the fight against apartheid who always stood up against injustice. The Archbishop had Freedom of the Borough of Lewisham and was a Nobel Peace Prize recipient, and his connection with Lewisham remained strong over the years. His first parish was in Grove Park, where a peace garden is dedicated to him in Chinbrook Meadows.

Jack Dromey MP

The Council notes with sadness the death of Jack Dromey MP and our thoughts are with his family at this time. Jack Dromey was the father of former Lewisham Cabinet Member Joe Dromey, MP for Birmingham Erdington since 2010 and a Shadow Cabinet Minister. Jack was passionate about fighting for social justice and discrimination and a deeply committed public servant, and a stalwart of the Trade Union movement who dedicated his life to the service of others.

The Council will be asked to observe a 1 minute silence in memory of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Jack Dromey MP

2. London Borough of Culture 2022

2022 is Lewisham's year as London Borough of Culture. The programme will celebrate the borough's rich diversity, provide a platform for the voices of local young people and inspire climate action - highlighting the power of culture to create change. Friday 28th January marks Day One of the programme. A borough-wide celebration will see a series of free events take place on the hour, every hour. Further details about the programme can be found at <https://www.wearelewisham.com/>

3. New Year Honours List 2022

The Council extends its congratulations to the inspiring people from Lewisham whose achievements and service have been recognised in the New Year Honours List 2022.

Alex Yee, Gold and Silver medal winner in the Tokyo Olympics 2020, was recognised for services to triathlon.

Ezechi Britton, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Code Untapped, whose mission is to support people from underrepresented backgrounds to showcase their technology skills, was recognised for services to Diversity and Young People.

Emma Redding, Professor of Performance Science and Head of Dance Science at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, was recognised for services to dance.

4. New Cross Fire anniversary

Tuesday 18th January marks the 41st anniversary of the New Cross Fire, in which 14 young Black people tragically died at a house in New Cross. Due to the ongoing public health situation, a private service will be held for the victims of the family, which will be livestreamed and available to watch afterwards at <https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/remembering-new-cross-fire>

5. Holocaust Memorial Day

Thursday 27 January marks Holocaust Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust and in the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. The theme of Holocaust Memorial Day this year is 'One Day', in which people may choose to reflect on one day that changed everything or look ahead to one day with no genocide. Lewisham Council will be hosting a virtual memorial event on Holocaust Memorial Day. Further details will be shared on lewisham.gov.uk/holocaustmemorialday

6. Mayor's Winter Appeal 2021

The Mayor of Lewisham's Winter Appeal has been raising money to buy gifts for and support vulnerable children this winter. The appeal is working with the 999 Club and Voluntary Services Lewisham to support Lewisham children who have been placed into care and also children from homeless and refugee families. Thanks to the generosity of local residents, the appeal has to date raised over £15,000. The money will support the two charities to continue their vital work over the winter months. Donations to the appeal can be made at www.lewishamwinterappeal.com/