

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Announcements or Communications	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: March 2 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.

International Women's Day

On International Women's Day (8th March) the Council is hosting a celebrating of poetry performance, collage workshops, art and music at Lewisham Shopping Centre. The projects, supported by Lewisham Council, are Noras of Lewisham, a participatory public art project that honours women's contributions to society, and SHEroes, a poetry project that will be unveiled for the first time before touring local Lewisham libraries. Attendees are also invited to nominate an inspiring women to become one of our Lewisham Legends. To find out more about the event and register [visit the event page](#).

Ellie Scotney

The Council congratulates Catford resident Ellie Scotney, professional boxer, for claiming her first title by winning the WBA International Boxing in February.

Mayor's Recognition Award: Lesley Allen

At Full Council (2nd March) Lesley Allen, Co-Ordinator of the Bring Me Sunshine Project and The Diamond Club, will receive a Mayor's Recognition Award for her services to older residents, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lesley has co-ordinated the Diamond Club, which aims to tackle loneliness for older residents, for the past twenty years. She then co-ordinated with five local churches to found the Bring Me Sunshine Project, which provides a wide range of events and activities for older residents in Lewisham. During the COVID-19 pandemic Lesley led volunteers in supporting, befriending and providing activities to older isolated residents. The Mayor's Recognition Award is a testament to her dedication and the joy her and her volunteers have inspired in older people.

Borough of Culture Poetry Challenge

Lewisham's Borough of Culture programme invites you to get involved in our Poetry Challenge in March. The Poetry Takeaway Van will be visiting Lewisham Market (3 March), Deptford Lounge (19 March) and Beckenham Place Park

Courtyard (26 March), and people are invited to tell their story and have it transformed into a poem that will be shared and displayed across Lewisham. People can also write their own story to share on social media. For more information visit www.wearelewisham.com

For Wearside, a poem by Jacob Sam La Rose, will be read out at the Council meeting.