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| Title: Death of Bill Smith, former Chief Executive | |
| Report of: The Chief Executive | |
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| Wards Affected: None | Key Decision: No |
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| Summary: <p>The Assembly is asked to remember Bill Smith, the former Chief Executive who passed away on 28 May 2012 following a long battle with cancer.</p> <p>This is the first Annual meeting of the Assembly since his passing and it is fitting to record a tribute to Bill to recognise his significant contribution and dedication to the Borough.</p> <p>Bill Smith retired from the Council on 8 May 2000 following a total of 27 years service with the Borough. He first joined the former London Borough of Barking in 1971 as the Chief Mechanical and Electrical Engineer and continued working for the Borough until 1983 when he left to join the London Borough of Hackney. Bill returned in 1985 as the Assistant Borough Engineer and following a reorganisation of departmental structures, became the Controller of Development and Technical Services in 1988.</p> <p>As Clerk to the East London Waste Authority Bill was instrumental in establishing an integrated waste management contract, transforming the way waste services and recycling was delivered in the Authority.</p> <p>He was appointed to the post of the first Chief Executive of Barking and Dagenham in 1992. Bill lead the Authority from the era of the traditional Town Clerk at a time of tremendous change in local government not least leaving the legacy of having overseen and supported Members through the changes in meeting structures brought about by the Local Government Act 2000.</p> <p>During his time as both the Controller of Development and Technical Services and subsequently as Chief Executive, Bill oversaw a number of significant regeneration projects including the development of the Barking Northern Relief Road, Vicarage Fields, Eastbrookend Country Park, the Barking Barrage, the Abbey Sports Centre,</p> | |

Goresbrook Leisure Centre as well as Barking Reach, one of the flagship housing developments of the Thames Gateway, and in the lead up to his retirement he became the interim CE of Thames Gateway London Partnership. During his time as the Chief Executive he also served as a director to a number of then Boards including Aveley Methane, LETEC and the Area Health Committee.

Bill will be fondly remembered for his common touch and warmth of personality. He leaves a loving family including two loving daughters, Cheryl and Angela.

Recommendation

The Assembly is asked to note the report.