



### **Current Issues**

1. In response to the tsunami earthquake, we realise that there are many residents who have been affected by this tragedy. We are supporting charities and aid agencies, and have set up collection points at Council buildings and our recycling centres for dry goods. I have also written to Members, staff and schools encouraging them to think about other ways to raise funds. The Assembly Hall will be made available for any community fund-raising events, and I have requested that there are opportunities for donations to be made at our forthcoming Council public events. I will also be meeting with faith group leaders to discuss how we can work together.
2. We have now recruited our Assistant Chief Executive. Rob Pearce, who is currently employed as the Head of Strategy and Policy at the Improvement and Development Agency, will be joining us in late February / early March 2005. Interviews for the Chief Executive post will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005.
3. On 16<sup>th</sup> December, the Audit Commission published its annual Comprehensive Performance Assessment. The report recognised our achievements and as a result the Council has moved up a position from 'poor' to 'weak'.

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### **Meetings and Events attended between 15/12/04 and 25/01/05:**

#### **External Meetings and Events:**

- William Morris Day Centre Christmas lunch
- Faith Groups meeting
- CPA 2005 Consultation Event
- Launch of the Kiosk in Leytonstone
- Walthamstow Masterplan Steering Group
- Visit to Whipps Cross
- Attending the opening of Tom Hood Advice & Support Centre
- Chairing the Newham Burns Supper
- Commission for London Governance Away Day

#### **Internal Council Business Meetings and Events:**

- Business Management Meeting with the Deputy Leader and the Chief Executive
- Civic Carol Concert

- Velodrome presentation
- Managers Conference
- Walthamstow Town Centre Members Seminar
- Full Council
- Regeneration meeting with MP
- Regular meeting with the Central Government lead official
- Lifelong Learning Management Team Meeting
- Community Strategy Meeting
- North Chingford Community Council
- Top Team Briefing
- Backbenchers Meeting
- State of the Borough Debate
- Management Development Programme

**Councillor Clyde Loakes**  
**Leader of the Council**

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