



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
**KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA**

Meeting of the Council – 23 June 2010

COUNCILLOR LADY HANHAM, CBE (39 years' service)

Joan Hanham was first elected to the Council in September 1970 as a Councillor for Holland Ward. She has represented Holland Ward ever since.

During her time on the Council she has served on most committees, including as Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee, the Town Planning Committee and the Social Services Committee. In 1983-84 she served as Mayor.

Notably, she served as Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee - and hence as 'Leader of the Council' - for 11 years from 1989 until 2000.

Between 1984 and 1989 she was a member of the Mental Health Act Commission and Vice-Chairman of its Southern Region. Between 1986 and 1989 she was Leader of the Conservative Group on the London Boroughs Grants Scheme. She has also served on the North West Thames Regional Health Authority, on the Policy Committees of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, on the London Borough's Association, and on the Local Government Association. From 1994-2000 she was a non-executive director of Chelsea and Westminster Health Care NHS Trust, was Chairman of St. Mary's Hospital NHS Trust from 2000-2007, and member of the Board of Imperial College Healthcare Trust from 2007 – 2009.

In 1984 she became a Freeman of the City of London. She was, in the same year, appointed a Justice of the Peace in the City of London and subsequently also became a magistrate in the Family court; she held both positions till 2009. In 1997 she was awarded the CBE.

Joan Hanham was made a Life peer as Baroness Hanham of Kensington, in the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea in 1999. In the same year she was a candidate for the re-run Conservative nomination to be Mayor of London.

Lady Hanham was a Trustee and, following it becoming independent of the Foreign Office, Vice-President, of the former Commonwealth Institute.

In Opposition in the House of Lords she held the positions of Shadow Minister for Local Government, the Home Office and Transport, and was also a Whip. She was President of Volunteering England from June 2009 and chaired the England Volunteering Development Council from its inception in 2004. As a result of her appointment she has recently had to relinquish these positions.

Following the General Election, on 14 May 2010 Baroness Hanham was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Communities and Local Government. For this reason, she has, with great regret, had to step down from the Council.