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**DEATH IN SERVICE – KEN BUCKINGHAM**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Stephen Harker  
Efficiency and Resources Portfolio**

**Responsible Director – Paul Wildsmith  
Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Members of the recent Death in Service on Thursday 30 April 2015 of Ken Buckingham. Ken was employed as a Gas Fitter and was a valued member of the Building Services Team within the Neighbourhood Services and Resources Group.

**Information and Analysis**

2. It is with great sadness that I have to inform Members of Ken Buckingham's death on 30 April 2015. Ken was 63 years old and joined the Council in November 1998 after over 25 years' service with British Gas. Ken was a well-respected member of the team and will be greatly missed.
3. I have written to Ken's family conveying the Council's sympathy and Human Resources are ensuring they receive appropriate advice and support.

**Recommendation**

4. It is recommended that Cabinet note :-
  - (a) with great sadness the recent death in service of Ken Buckingham a respected employee of the Council; and
  - (b) the actions of the Council in conveying the sympathy to Ken's family and the support offered from Human Resources.

**Reasons**

5. The recommendations are supported to make Members aware of the recent death in service.

**Paul Wildsmith  
Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**