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Cllr Stephen Alambritis, Leader of the Council, London Borough of Merton, Moves the Mayoral Citation and the Vote of Thanks at the Annual Council Meeting of Wednesday 17 May 2017 in Honour of Councillor Brenda Fraser, Mayor of Merton 2016-2017

Councillor Fraser enjoyed the distinction of being the first ever female Jamaican Mayor in Merton.

A respected member of the community, Councillor Fraser is a magistrate and has had to juggle her responsibilities to the Bench with her mayoral duties.

Her career has been in the health sector and the police.

It is perhaps natural that her chosen charities should both have a focus on health and wellbeing.

Age UK Merton has a passion for making the borough a great place to grow old.

The Avanti Club, seeks to empower local residents with mental health issues to use their skills to progress and develop.

A number of fund-raising events have benefitted these charities during the Mayoral year.

The Avanti Club hosted the Mayor's Charity Live Gig Night, while Age UK guests raised a glass at the Mayor's Charity Wine Tasting evening.

South Thames College hosted the Mayor's Christmas Dinner.

And a 'Winter Warmer' celebration of Merton music-making was held at St Mark's C of E Academy.

Ambience in Wimbledon was the venue for a Mediterranean Night

And Tooting and Mitcham Community Sports Club hosted an Afro-Caribbean Night with a Jamaican theme.

Councillor Fraser's Caribbean roots were also celebrated at the Mayor's Ball, with the All England Lawn Tennis Club resonating to the sounds of steel pans.

As a college governor herself, it was particularly pleasing for the Mayor to host a reception for more than 35 school governors where she was able to thank them for their commitment and dedication.

October saw Silver Sunday, a celebration of the achievements of older people.

The citizens of the future were welcomed to the Civic Centre during Democracy Week.

A sporting highlight of the year was the promotion of AFC Wimbledon to Sky Bet League One

This was celebrated with a breakfast at the Wimbledon Centre Court Shopping Centre before Councillor Fraser joined the players on their open top bus victory parade.

Councillor Fraser has been a conscientious, dedicated and hard-working mayor but her duties have always been a joy – not least when she proved she could herself still master two wheels when she launched the fund-raising for the new scooter park adjacent to Poplar School.

The Mayor's workload and achievements over her mayoral year would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of her:

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stan Anderson, and his wife, Deputy Mayoress Mrs Jennifer Anderson.

Between the Mayor and her Deputy, they have attended over 400 engagements and many planned meetings in addition to the official engagements.

The Mayor was ably and lovingly supported by her:

Husband and Principal Consort Lloyd

And her daughter and Consort Gillian, family, and friends.

Mayor Fraser is recognised by the council for her enthusiasm in reaching out to all parts of our community and her work representing the London Borough of Merton.

Her enthusiasm, compassion and warm personality have contributed to her very successful year in Merton.

But, Finally Madam Mayor

We now need to **Resolve unanimously**: that the council places on record its sincere thanks and appreciation to Councillor Brenda Fraser, for the dedicated manner in which she has served as Mayor of the London Borough of Merton for the year 2016-2017.

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