

**Speech to Mayor of Merton Cllr Sally Kenny**

Welcome Madam Mayor,

On behalf of the Conservative Group and wider conservative family I would like to wish the very best for your Mayoralty and time as the London Borough of Merton's first Citizen.

It has been a difficult year and as we begin to emerge from the pandemic crisis your kindness and understanding of our communities will be vital.

Of course, I have seen your kindness first hand when I volunteered to help at the FISH Easter party last year – sadly an event that we could not hold this year.

A shame, as I was looking forward to wearing that pinney again as I worked the tea trolley.

The pandemic has of course constrained your Mayoralty and the ability to raise funds for your chosen charities.

But I know that you will not be deterred and will approach your mayoralty with the energy and determination that we have come to know.

Madam Mayor – good luck and you can count on our support for your Mayoralty.

Thank you.

