Minute Item 3

Nomination of Cllr Brunt – Cllr Allison Speech

Madam Mayor, I propose as the next Mayor or Merton, Cllr Mike Brunt

Mike needs no introductions to most at Merton – he has been a Figge's Marsh councillor for two stints since 1990

Mike has a very hard act to follow, but he is very distinguished. A councillor of high standing with colleagues across 20 years of public service A former Leader of LBM.

More recently Cabinet Member for Environment, and for the past few months a record-breaker: Merton's first ever interim maternity leave Cabinet Member, a role he relinquished earlier this week, and for which he deserves our inordinate thanks.

Mike has served the council and our community tremendously, and I can think of nobody better to serve as Mayor for the next civic year.

With the agreement of Council, Mike will take up his position on May 19th when a formal, socially-distanced ceremony will take place, and I very much look forward to his installation.

