

Councillor Nick McLean speech in support of the vote of thanks for Councillor Mary Curtin

Thank you and welcome Madam Mayor,

As a first year Councillor, I have now had the opportunity to witness the immense commitment that a successful mayoralty requires and Cllr Curtin has certainly given that commitment to both the mayoralty and by extension the residents of the London Borough of Merton.

Madam Mayor - I volunteered, along with Cllrs Sally Kenny and Dennis Pierce at this year's Friend in St Helier Easter lunch, one of Cllr Curtin's chosen charities – it was a wonderful experience and one I will be repeating.

By volunteering I was able to see first-hand the exceptional work that Nicola, Andy and the many other FISH volunteers do to ensure that the elderly residents of our Borough are not forgotten – and Cllr Curtin has been an integral part of this important and rewarding organisation for over 35 years!

I would also like to congratulate Cllr Curtin and her team on an excellent Mayors ball held at the All England – the event was entertaining, relaxed and fun.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Deputy Mayor and consorts.

Madam mayor during her mayoralty, Cllr Curtin has participated in well over 300 engagements and raised approaching £80,000 for her chosen charities The Colour House Children's Theatre and the Friends in St Helier.

I am sure we will all agree – quite the achievement!

Therefore it is with great pleasure that I second this vote of thanks and commend the citation.

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