

## Mayor's acceptance

Firstly I would like to thank the councillors very much for honouring me with this role, I've been the deputy for quite a while and there are those that thought it was about time I took on this post. I suppose it's like always being the bridesmaid but never the bride.

I would like to give a big thank you to Armand for doing such an excellent job over the last few years, some of those being very difficult years.

He is most definitely a very difficult if not impossible act to follow, however I'm sure he will back as Mayor when his health improves.

As Armand has said many times Councillors are elected volunteers who work for their communities day in day out and with the devolution and taking on the library councillors have put in an incredible amount of work last year and will have to put in even more this year. We will shortly have 2 new councillors joining us.

I'm also expecting to have to row and run more this year judging by the number of Mayoral visits that involve food.