

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update from Cllr Gareth Roberts 31 July 2020**

Hello, it looks as though we shall have a glorious weekend in the borough. We're expecting it to be boiling in Barnes, hot in Hampton and tropical in Twickenham. And of course, when we have hot weather, we all need to make sure we're taking the correct precautions. Such as using high factor sun protection and carrying water with us when we're out and about. And with coronavirus there are additional challenges. We need to make sure that we are still wearing face masks or coverings when we're out and about on public transport, in shops or supermarkets. Of course, there are exempt groups to whom this rule does not apply. I know it's uncomfortable wearing a face mask. And I know that it's doubly uncomfortable when it's hot weather. However, it is so vital that we stick to the simple rule of wearing a face mask on public transport, in shops and in supermarkets because doing so will help save lives. We also need to be aware of the general picture around hot weather so if you have elderly relatives or elderly neighbours, do consider just checking on them, make sure they're okay. If you have grandchildren or children, please explain to them the dangers about jumping into the Thames from structures like Teddington Lock. If you have pets, particularly dogs, make sure you don't leave them unaccompanied in hot cars. And if you're going to be going out to enjoy the parks and open spaces, particularly in the evenings, please be mindful of the people who live near those open spaces and parks. And don't cause unnecessary noise or disturbance. It's going to be a beautiful weekend. It's something we can all enjoy, let's do it together safely. Thank you.