

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

11 July 2005

Councillors: *The Mayor (Councillor Griffith), *The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Adamou);
Councillors *Adje, *Aitken, *Basu, *Bax, *Beacham, *Bevan, Blanchard, *Bloch, *Herbie Brown, *Jean Brown, *Bull, *Canver, Davidson, *Davies, *Dawson, *Diakides, *Dillon, *Dobbie, Dodds, *Edge, *Engert, Featherstone, *Floyd, *Gilbert, *Haley, *Hare, *Harris, *Hillman, *Hoban, *GMMH Rahman Khan, Knight, *Krokou, *Lister, *Makanji, *Manheim, *Meehan, Millar, *Milner, *Newton, *Oatway, Patel, Peacock, Erline Prescott, Quincy Prescott, *Reith, *Reynolds, *Rice, *Robertson, *Santry, Simpson, *Stanton, Sulaiman, *Williams, *Winskill and *Wynne.

* Members present

17. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Councillors Davidson, Featherstone, Erline Prescott, Quincy Prescott and Simpson.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Members were asked by the Mayor to declare any personal interest in respect of items on the agenda. In accordance with Part 2 of the Members Code of Conduct set out in the Council Constitution, any Member disclosing a personal interest which was also prejudicial would be asked to withdraw from the Chamber during consideration of the item and neither were they to seek to improperly influence a decision on the said item.

There were no declarations of interest.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC:

The following item was the subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained "exempt" information as defined within Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972: namely that it contained information that related to a particular employee and also contained an opinion of Counsel:

A named vote was requested.

For: The Mayor (Councillor Griffith), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Adamou), Councillors Adje, Basu, Bax, Bevan, Herbie Brown, Jean Brown, Bull, Canver, Dawson, Dobbie, Harris, Hillman, Khan, Krokou, Makanji, Manheim, Meehan, Milner, Reynolds, Rice, Robertson and Santry.

Against: Councillors Aitken, Beacham, Bloch, Davies, Edge, Engert, Floyd, Hare, Hoban, Newton, Oatway, Williams and Winskill.

The Motion was declared CARRIED.

20. EARLY RETIREMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Report of the Chair of the Special Committee set up under Part K2 of the Constitution - agenda item 5):

We agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it contained "exempt" information as defined within Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972: namely that it contained information that related to a particular employee and also contained an opinion of Counsel.

Councillor Rice, Chair of the Special Committee, presented the report and recognised the enormous contribution David Warwick had made to the Council

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Against: Councillors Aitken, Beacham, Bloch, Davies, Edge, Engert, Floyd, Gilbert, Hare, Hoban, Newton, Oatway, Williams and Winskill.

Not voting: Councillors Bax and Jean Brown.

RESOLVED:

1. That the recommendation of the Special Committee held on 27 June 2005, to terminate the contract of employment of the Chief Executive with effect from 30 September 2005, be approved.
2. That the terms of the agreement with the Chief Executive, including the exit package as detailed in the report, be noted.
3. That it be noted that consultation had taken place with the District Auditor and that Counsel's opinion had been sought on the terms of the package. Leading Counsel's opinion, further advice from Counsel and a report of the Independent Adviser were available for Members to inspect before and during the Council meeting. The letter of the District Auditor was attached to the report at appendix 2.

21. INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Report of the Head of Personnel - agenda item 6:

This item was withdrawn and would be submitted to the next ordinary Council on 18 July 2005.

EDDIE GRIFFITH
Mayor