
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
25 APRIL 2013

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Burke
The Sheriff, Councillor White
Councillors Baillie, Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Chaloner, Claisse, Cunio, Daunt, Fitzhenry, Furnell, Hannides, B Harris, L Harris, Kaur, Inglis, Jeffery, Keogh, Kolker, Laming, Letts, Lewzey, Lloyd, McEwing, Mintoff, Morrell, Moulton, Noon, Norris, Dr Paffey, Parnell, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Smith, Spicer, Stevens, Thomas, Thorpe, Tucker, Turner, Vassiliou, Whitbread and Dr R Williams (minute116-117 only)

116. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Vinson.

117. MONITORING OFFICER REPORT: INVESTIGATION

The report of the Council's Director of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer concerning an independent investigation into allegations surrounding a press release issued by the Council in May 2012 following the resignation of Councillor Keith Morrell from the Executive together with the report of the Independent Investigator, Mr Richard Lingard was submitted (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the report of the Monitoring Officer be noted;
- (ii) that the report of the Monitoring Officer be referred to the Governance Committee to consider:
 - a. whether or not the current constitutional arrangements, protocols and / or guidance are robust and adequate;
 - b. making any recommendations for changes to such arrangements to Full Council as appropriate, and
 - c. whether the current training and development arrangements for officers and members should be revised.

118. ELECTION OF THE LEADER

Following the resignation of the Leader, Councillor Dr. Williams, the Mayor requested nominations for the election of a new Leader.

The nomination of Councillor Rayment was moved and seconded.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE IT WAS:

RESOLVED: that Councillor Rayment be elected Leader of the Council.

119. MOTION

With the consent of the meeting, Councillor Smith withdrew his motion.