

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2013 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Mrs Kay A Dark (Chairman); Councillors H Scobie (Vice-Chairman), Aldred, Bayford, Binks, Bruce, Campbell, Clark, Cohen, Coleman-Cooke, Day, Driver, Duncan, Gideon, D Green, E Green, I Gregory, Grove, Harrison, C Hart, S Hart, Hornus, Johnston, King, Lodge-Pritchard, Marson, Matterface, Moore, Moores, Nicholson, Poole, Roberts, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage, W Scobie, Sullivan, M Tomlinson, S Tomlinson, Watkins, Wiltshire, Wise and Wright

In Attendance: Mrs Jiggy Bhore, Member of the Standards Committee

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dwyer, Edwards, Everitt, Fenner, Gibson, K Gregory, Hayton, Hibbert, Huxley, Kirby and Worrow

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

39. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

(a) Motion on Notice - Debts exceeding £250,000

It was noted that the date of the meeting at the top of the report should read, "6 August 2013".

It was proposed by Councillor Driver and seconded by Councillor King:

"That any debt owed to Thanet Council, including multiple debts owed by a single organisation and/or its subsidiaries, which exceeds £250,000 must be reported to a meeting of the Full Council along with a debt recovery plan at the earliest opportunity. Members of the Council will be entitled to ask questions about and comment on such debts."

In exercising his right of reply under Council Procedure Rule 16.3, the Leader referred to the decision of Cabinet on 1 August 2013 to recommend to the Constitutional Review Working Party a revision of Financial Procedure Rules which would require the reporting of aged debts (*i.e. those falling outside of the Council's standard payment terms of 90 days*) of over £150,000 to Council.

It was proposed by Councillor D Green, seconded by Councillor Campbell and AGREED that the motion be debated.

Following debate, the motion was, upon being put to the vote, declared LOST.

(b) Motion on Notice - Transeuropa Ferries Debt

It was noted that the date of the meeting at the top of the report should read, "6 August 2013".

It was proposed by Councillor Driver and seconded by Councillor Grove:

“That all the documents, background papers, and e-mails related to Transeuropa Ferries debt to Thanet Council be made available for inspection by Councillors within 10 working days of this decision being agreed by Council.”

In exercising his right of reply under Council Procedure Rule 16.3, the Leader referred to an email dated 24 July 2013 from the Monitoring Officer to all Members, reminding them that they could, until 9 August 2013, inspect and copy prime documents used in the formulation of the 2012/13 accounts and that requested background documentation would be made available to the Members of the Transeuropa Debt Scrutiny Task and Finish Group for review.

It was proposed by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Grove and AGREED that the motion be debated.

Subsequently, the motion was, upon being put to the vote, declared LOST.

Meeting concluded : 7.38 pm