



MINUTES

COUNCIL
THURSDAY, 23 JUNE 2005
4.12P.M.

PRESENT

Councillor Kirkman Chairman

Councillor Auger
Councillor Bisnauthsing
Councillor Bryant
Councillor Carpenter
Councillor Mrs Cartwright
Councillor Channell
Councillor Chivers
Councillor Conboy
Councillor Craft
Councillor Fines
Councillor Fisher
Councillor Gibbins
Councillor Helyar
Councillor Hewerdine
Councillor Howard
Councillor John Hurst
Councillor Fereshteh Hurst
Councillor Mrs Jalili
Councillor Joynson
Councillor Mrs Kaberry-Brown
Councillor Kerr
Councillor Lovelock M.B.E.

Councillor Moore
Councillor Nadarajah
Councillor Mrs Neal
Councillor Nicholson
Councillor Parkin
Councillor Pease
Councillor Mrs Percival
Councillor Radley
Councillor Sandall
Councillor Selby
Councillor Smith
Councillor Mrs Smith
Councillor Stokes
Councillor M Taylor
Councillor G Taylor
Councillor Thompson
Councillor Turner
Councillor Waterhouse
Councillor Wilks
Councillor Mrs Williams
Councillor M Williams
Councillor Mrs Woods

OFFICERS

Chief Executive
Solicitor to the Council
Member Services Manager
Support Officer

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bosworth, Burrows, Mrs Dexter, Mrs Gaffigan, Galbraith, Martin-Mayhew, O'Hare, Mrs Radley, Graham Wheat, Mrs Wheat and Wood.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

53. MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS GALBRAITH, JOHN HURST, O'HARE, MIKE WILLIAMS AND WOOD

The following motion had been submitted by Councillors Galbraith, John Hurst, O'Hare, Mike Williams and Wood:

"This Council requires the resignation of Councillor Martin-Mayhew (the Housing portfolio holder) from the Cabinet for the following reasons:

- (i) Democracy is about accountability and, if found seriously deficient in undertaking the duties of responsible positions (as is clearly the case in the light of the recent Audit Commission Report on the housing policies and practices of SKDC), any member must surrender his/her post.
- (ii) There can be no confidence in the implementation of any Improvement Programme if executive responsibility for its execution is in the hands of a Member who has forfeited the confidence of the Council and the wider Community."

Councillor Hurst stated that he had consulted with the Chief Executive earlier in the day, having been imparted with information regarding Councillor Martin-Mayhew, and those present who had moved the above motion decided to defer the motion in light of this information and to respect the principle that no member should be criticised in such a way if they were not present to defend themselves. He asked that the motion be considered at the earliest possible date. The Chief Executive advised that it was not possible to defer a motion but that any five members could submit a motion at any time for an extraordinary meeting or submit a motion for consideration at an ordinary meeting. The Chairman added that, given the costs involved in organising such a meeting, he had no intention of calling an extraordinary meeting to consider such a matter on a different day to an ordinary meeting of the Council.

54. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 4.16p.m.