

At a **SPECIAL MEETING of COUNCIL** held on Wednesday 20th August 2014 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Wellington Road, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D. Simmons (Mayor)

Councillors I. W. Armstrong, C. S. Ball, B. Blakeley, Mrs J. Butterfield JP MBE, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, Mrs E. M. Chard, Ms J. Hughes, A. R. James, Mrs P. M. Jones, J. May, Mrs M. McCarroll, B. F. Moylan, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, P. Prendergast, S. H. Ratcliffe, Miss S. L. Roberts, A. J. Rutherford, Miss R. Siddall and W. N. Tasker.

Mr G. J. Nickels – Town Clerk
Miss H. J. Windus – Personal Assistant & Secretary

50. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors B. Mellor (on holiday), Miss C. L. Williams (indisposed) and Mr R. A. Hughes – Finance Officer (indisposed).

51. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, on the grounds of confidentiality.

52. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The Chair of the Risk Assessment Sub-Committee referred to the Sub-Committee's confidential report (circulated with agenda) outlining the actions taken so far and asking Council to now make a number of important decisions to enable the Sub-Committee to progress matters.

Members aired their concerns about the significant potential costs involved in a number of the options and it was acknowledged that managing the message of the Council ensuring value for Council Tax payer's money was crucial.

RESOLVED that:

- i) All actions taken so far by the negotiating team of the Sub-Committee be approved.*
- ii) If the current offer in respect of a local premises is not accepted then the negotiating team be authorised to offer the alternative amount recommended within the confidential report.*
- iii) The decision to appoint a project manager be deferred.*

- iv) *The negotiating team be not authorised to exceed the District Valuer's determined rental for its existing tenancy.*
- v) *The Sub-Committee to proceed with the feasibility study and that the Rhyl based JPH Architects be appointed to undertake the work.*
- vi) *Delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk to act in consultation with the negotiating team where necessary.*
- vii) *The Town Clerk to write to its landlord confirm that the Council is not able to offer more than the District Valuers determined rental for the current Civic Offices and to express the Council's disappointment at the Landlords attitude during the last meeting with the Council's negotiating team.*

53. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further items of business the Mayor declared the meeting of Council closed.

Mayor:

Date: