

AGENDA ITEM 14

Notice of Motion e) from Council Meeting held on 15 July 2014
Resolution

RESOLVED In the light of recent events surrounding former Cllr Mike Hancock, whilst an elected individual of this authority, the Council believes that an urgent review of the city's Safeguarding Procedure should take place to ensure that it is robust enough to protect the public. Members of the public have a right to feel safe when in contact with any elected member of this council.

A citizen of Portsmouth was let down by a former member of this council through his inappropriate actions; the previous Leader of this council for his lack of appropriate actions; and the two liberal democrat members of the investigation sub-committee who sat on the case of a vulnerable resident regards former Cllr M Hancock. This council requests in respect of members facing serious allegations, that the Monitoring Officer prepare a report for the Governance and Audit and Standards committee on how the council's current Safeguarding Procedure should be used to best protect the public and members when a complaint is made by a vulnerable constituent.