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**ITEM 2 – REQUISITIONED BUSINESS - MOTION** (see main agenda pages 1 -3)

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**AMENDMENT A**

**Moved:** Councillor Nick Stanton  
**Seconded:** Councillor Kim Humphreys

In paragraph 1, **delete** “likely” and **replace** with “possible”.

In paragraph 1, **delete** final sentence, beginning “The late Mrs Lambert...”

**Insert** new paragraph 2:

“Council assembly is saddened by Mrs Lambert’s death and expresses its sympathy and condolences to her family and friends.”

**Delete** paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.

In paragraph 5, **delete** “was briefed” and **replace** with “requested a briefing”.

In paragraph 5, at end, **insert**:

“Council assembly notes that after this briefing an internal review was undertaken, a public statement was issued and it was decided to cooperate with and await the outcome of the coroner’s inquest, as is normal practice in such cases.”

**Delete** paragraphs 6-11 inclusive.

**Insert** new paragraphs 6-10 as below:

6. “Council assembly notes that following the inquest, fresh guidance was issued to all relevant staff and the executive member and the strategic director of health and community services issued a public statement expressing their regret at the death of Mrs Lambert.
7. “Council assembly welcomes the decision by the chief executive to appoint an independent person to conduct an inquiry into this incident and believes it is inappropriate to prejudge the findings and conclusions of this inquiry.
8. “Council assembly notes that under the member and officer protocol, article 8, it states: ‘Officers have a duty to keep members of all political groups informed about developments of significance in relation to council activity.’
9. “Council assembly notes however that there is no requirement for executive members to distribute information to other councillors, but that in this case the executive member requested that all councillors should be informed of the case as soon as possible, following the coroner’s verdict.
10. “Council assembly therefore believes that the executive member for health and adult care acted appropriately in response to this incident and reaffirms its confidence in him.”

**Amended Motion to read:**

1. Council assembly notes the findings of the coroner's report into the tragic death of Engelina Lambert in the days before July 30 2008. It expresses its profound regret that an error of judgement meant that Mrs Lambert did not receive a visit within an adequate time-frame which could have been expected on the basis of the facts and the possible level of risk.
2. Council assembly is saddened by Mrs Lambert's death and expresses its sympathy and condolences to her family and friends.
3. Council assembly notes that the executive member for health and adult care requested a briefing on the circumstances surrounding Mrs Lambert's death in August 2008. Council assembly notes that after this briefing an internal review was undertaken, a public statement was issued and it was decided to cooperate with and await the outcome of the coroner's inquest, as is normal practice in such cases.
4. Council assembly notes that following the inquest, fresh guidance was issued to all relevant staff and the executive member and the strategic director of health and community services issued a public statement expressing their regret at the death of Mrs Lambert.
5. Council assembly welcomes the decision by the chief executive to appoint an independent person to conduct an inquiry into this incident and believes it is inappropriate to prejudge the findings and conclusions of this inquiry.
6. Council assembly notes that under the member and officer protocol, article 8, it states: 'Officers have a duty to keep members of all political groups informed about developments of significance in relation to council activity.'
7. Council assembly notes however that there is no requirement for executive members to distribute information to other councillors, but that in this case the executive member requested that all councillors should be informed of the case as soon as possible, following the coroner's verdict.
8. Council assembly therefore believes that the executive member for health and adult care acted appropriately in response to this incident and reaffirms its confidence in him.

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