



**Report on Meeting of the Council held on Monday, 16 April 2012  
at the Free Church at 8.00pm to discuss and approve for publication the  
version of the Report hand delivered to Council members on Sunday, 8 April.**

Present: Janet Elliott, in the Chair, Simon Abbott, Tony Brand, Jeremy Clynes, Charles Gale, Tony Ghilchik, Eva Jacobs, Rosalind Josephs, David Lewis David Littaur, Max Petersen, Judith Samson, Jonathan Seres, Ian Tutton, Richard Wakefield and Richard Wiseman. Dr M E Harris attended by invitation.

1. Apologies for absence: Peter Beesley, Douglas Blausten, Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney, Colin Gregory, Stephanie Hurst, Gary Shaw, Will Sowerbutts
2. **Statement by the Chairman re confidentiality.**

The Chairman welcomed Professor Harris and reminded members of the statement on the agenda that, in line with the conditions for the setting up of the Enquiry, "The meeting had been called to give RA Council members the exclusive opportunity to receive and comment upon the report Independent Enquiry Report commissioned by the RA Council prior to publication and that its contents would be confidential to RA Council members until it is published, subsequent to their collective decision that it be published. .

3. **Introduction by Simon Abbott**

Simon Abbott gave a brief explanation reminding members of the process which had been followed in collecting information and that the draft report contained no names of those who had made submissions to Dr Harris, nor were opinions identified as coming from specific individuals as it had been agreed in advance that names would not be published.

4. **Presentation to Council by Professor Harris**

Professor Harris explained to Council members that the content of the Report was based entirely on evidence which had been presented to her during the process of conducting the Enquiry and written records held by the RA and others. Wherever possible she had confirmed statements made against written evidence. She had received some information she was unable to use as it related to matters outside the terms of reference.

5. **Discussion**

Members present agreed that the discussion should take each of the three sections of the report in order with the majority of the time given to Section 1 "Who knew what and when?" and Section 2."Given the findings in Part One, what should have been

done with the information”, since Section 3 contained recommendations from Dr Harris to the RA Council which the Council would need to consider in detail at a later along with other proposals for possible change including some recommendations from the RA Strategy Working Group, before making final decisions on action required.

A full exchange took place, during which Dr Harris took notes of points raised and agreed to consider whether any adjustments were appropriate with the aim of achieving further clarity of presentation.

At the end of the meeting the Council agreed that the report, with minor modifications as decided by Dr Harris, should be published in full as quickly as practicable. Publication would be via the RA website, from which downloading would be possible, that hard copies would be available at a limited cost, possibly postage and packing only and that distribution of hard copies would be made to a limited number of interested local organisations concerned with the HBS planning application and decision process and to local Councillors and officials.