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**In Strictest Confidence.**

Dear David,

I have been asked to contact you in relation to Councillor Anna Rothery and her (un)suitability to stand as Labour's candidate for the position of Elected Mayor of Liverpool.

For your information, I was elected to the City Council in May 1987 and within days I was elected as Deputy Leader of the Council and Chair of the Personnel Committee.

Over the years I held many senior positions in the Labour Group, including two stints as Chief Whip.

The first period ended in 2005 when I became Lord Mayor. The second period began in 2006 after my year as Lord Mayor.

She was elected that year to the ward I also represented in Liverpool, Princes Park. So, my experience of her is as a ward colleague and Chief Whip.

**Rothery – the City Councillor.**

Her performance as a city councillor leaves a lot to be desired. She has proven herself to be untrustworthy, dishonest person someone who is solely motivated by her ego, status and financial gain.

- She refused to pay her Group Fund contribution until I was made aware of the fact. It was only when we advised her that she would be lose the Whip.
- She rarely, if ever attended, her advertised surgeries,
- She failed to contact residents who tried to contact her via the Group office.
- She consistently missed meetings, giving various excuses for her absences. One of her favourites was that she did not get the e-mail. At one stage I asked the officer in charge of members IT provision to check her account, He reported back that the main problem was the 35,000 unopened e-mails in her account!  
(I understand she has recently used the e-mail excuse with regional officers.)

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- She would go on holiday without advising her Ward colleagues or the Group office staff. A couple of times we only found out by ringing her mobile and we would get a foreign dial tone. "I lent my 'phone to a friend who went on holiday"!
- She has a Jekyll & Hide character. Someone who can be quite rational and then in seconds turns into a screaming banshee. As a result, she has very few friends in the Group. She acts the same way with officers.
- She constantly goes to events etc that she has not been invited to and screams "don't you know who I am?"
- On her appointment as Lord Mayor, she declared from the dais "I'm the Boss now!" She has also said that to Town Hall staff.

### **Rothery – Potential Media / Reputational Problems.**

While her ability to be a City Councillor is very questionable / debateable I am firmly of the opinion that she would be a disaster for the City and the Labour Party if she were to become the Elected Mayor.

Her sudden conversion to, and support from various senior Corbynista MP's is of huge concern for the direction she would take.

But there several issues that could cause serious reputational damage for her and the Labour Party.

### **Attack on a Fellow Group Member.**

At a dinner held by the retiring Lord Mayor, [REDACTED], an item appeared in the local press that Rothery had attacked [REDACTED] near the end of the event.

As a result, we contacted [REDACTED] to clarify if anything had in fact happened. His statement is attached along with one of the statements from Cllrs. Rothery and [REDACTED]. We sought statements from everyone who we thought may have witnessed the incident. Most were extremely cautious in their responses, apart from [REDACTED]. Also attached is Rothery's statement.

For reasons I am not sure of [REDACTED] later withdrew the complaint.

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FOI requests have been made about her connection / activities with [REDACTED].)

### **Holiday to Fethiye, Turkey.**

In September 2020 Rothery, along with her [REDACTED] travelled to Turkey for a holiday.

This holiday was extensively covered by the local newspaper, Fethiye Times.

What is unclear is how this photo opportunity occurred. She had the Mayoral replica chains with her.

It has all the hallmarks of a paid for trip to promote tourism in Turkey. But we cannot find any evidence that this was the case. It looks like she sorted it herself as a "freebie". She also did a "sponsored Paraglide" trip, covered in the local paper. Where those donations went to is unclear.

FOI requests have been made about this and other holidays she is alleged to have taken.

### **Alleged abuse of Town Hall staff.**

There have been strong rumours circulating that her abusive behaviour has led to a number of formal complaints lodged against her by Town Hall staff and a number of council drivers.

The Liverpool Echo has this story, and an FOI request has also been submitted in relation to these rumours.

I think that the very real chance that she could become the Elected Mayor of the City will be a car crash from day one.

She has never held any senior decision-making position in her life. Her ability to run the City, make difficult decisions to resolve the numerous problems the City faces – specifically the rapidly approaching financial bankruptcy that is on the horizon.

I hope this information will prove to be of use to you and your colleagues. However, if I can be of any further assistance then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

*Alan Dean.*

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