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My Reference: PB00123 Opperman MP Final.
Your Reference:

Sedition ~ Corrupt Practice in Public Office ~ Conspiracy to Defraud

Knowingly ~ Perverting the Course of Justice.

**[Sapiens nihil affirmat quod non probet ~
A wise man affirms nothing which he cannot prove]**

Dear Minister,

Law Lords Ruling ~ Derbyshire Principle 1993.

1. In 1993 The House of Lords ruled, in which became known as the “Derbyshire Principle”, that it was of the... “ *highest public importance that a democratically elected body or any governmental body, should be open to uninhibited public criticism.*”.
2. Furthermore, the Ruling continued... “*that the limits of acceptable criticism are accordingly wider as regards a politician...*” .
3. By now I am sure you know who I am and my journalistic interest in your activities and those of your Political and Judicial ‘associates’ and accordingly no formal introductions are necessary.
In testing my bona fides you may wish to contact Dame Louise J. Ellman DBE, BA MPhil a renowned supporter and one time Leader of the Lancashire County Council, its Firefighters, and their Families in Lancashire.

Your Election and Promotion.

4. Minister, you were first elected to PM Cameron’s Conservative Government as Member for Hexham in May 2010 stating you were ... “*rather on the left*”... but calling for your Conservative Party to do more to show its support for... “*the hard working people in our public sector*”... and one assumes in these noble words you included all the UKs, 11,000 disabled Firefighters and their 30,000 Beneficiaries you are presently short measuring in ‘support’ ?
5. Regrettably at this early point you disowned your socialist public statements to the dismay of your local supporters by becoming what is known in the ‘trade’ as a turncoat by moving sharply from the left to the extreme right of the Conservative Party where you have remained ever since.
6. This synoptic letter simply confirms your subsequent duplicity and your continuing aberrant misbehaviour in corrupt practice as an existing middle ranking Minister [For Employment] in this current UK Government.
7. My personal letter also provides a platform for the full publication of you and your ‘associates’ corrupt practices to be published in factual detail in my publication “The Morning Bugler” when, or *if*, the need arises.
8. You need to be reminded, as you and your accomplices continue to ‘sail close to the wind’, that the Treason Act of 1551 still remains on the Statute Book...

“Treason against this state consists only in levying war against it, adhering to its enemies, or giving them aid and comfort, and can be committed only by persons owing allegiance to the state. The punishment of treason shall be death [as amended-removed] or life imprisonment without the possibility of parole”.

Recorded Archived Data

9. The archived data from my website [www.TheMorningBugler.com] has for well over a decade recorded a conspiracy of fraud by a collective of criminality, those named below,

including yourself, and/or those who 'control' Civil Servants Freemason Brethren [the 'family'] who acted under your collective direction:

Politicians ~

Rt Hon. Sir George Iain Duncan Smith PC,MP; Conservative Backbencher;
Rt Hon. Jacob Rees-Mogg PC,MP; Conservative Backbencher;
Rt Hon. Dr. Thérèse Coffey PhD PC MP; Secretary of State DEARA;
Mr. Guy. Opperman MP; Minister of State [Minister for Employment].

"Best in the World" Justices ~

Rt Hon. Lord Ian Duncan Burnett PC, Baron Burnett of Maldon; Lord Chief Justice;
Rt.Hon. Lord Robert John Reed PC, Baron Reed of Allermuir President of the
Supreme Court;
Rt Hon. Sir Geoffrey Vos PC, Masters of the Rolls.

10. Coincidentally you are fully aware that *all electronic communications* addressed to me are routinely intercepted by BT Belfast, from which you directly benefit, but whose civilian personnel cannot claim Crown immunity unlike the Security Services from prosecution.

All at the behest of Kenneth Douglas *McCallum* who is a British intelligence officer who is serving as the Director General of *M15* since 2020, for and behalf of the UK government; which is ironically helpful because it ultimately confirms the egregious unlawful activities of this civilian agency BT and of course your own personal role in benefitting from their combined interceptions.

11. This evidential archived data of over 2,000 documents, commenced in 2006, 17 years ago continues to record and provide irrefutable evidence of collective sedition, corruption, perversion of the course of Justice, and the common law criminality of fraud by 'controlled' Civil Servant public employees within successive UK Governments, their Agencies, and the Judiciary acting in concert with you against the lawful Rights of former public employees namely, *11,000 disabled Firefighters and their 30,000 Beneficiaries*, all Electors.

12. In spite of these politicians and Civil Servants using electronic proxies I can with the highest technical expertise available to me, identify and record their timed presences and their entire actions on my website, including, the equipment and systems they use, and even the pages of TMB they choose to read.

An Honourable Man ?

13. Regrettably Minister, in an earlier honourable professional life of 20 years as a barrister acting as a truly independent and noteworthy *pro bono* criminal barrister of probity ironically engaged in Human Rights issues, you routinely prepared accurate records/briefs for your clients but on this scandalous issue you have deliberately failed to retain any Ministerial records at the DWP which is a breach of the Ministerial Code.

14. Before you were appointed to Govern you worked for the Conservative Party in the 'Whips Office' in Parliament for 2 years until you were appointed a Junior Minister on the 14th

June 2017, as Under Secretary of State at the Department of Works and Pensions [DWP]. An appointment colloquially known as the 'Pensions Minister'.

15. Thus you immediately found yourself in rather dire circumstances which you had 'inherited' from your senior your predecessor, the Rt. Hon. Iain Duncan Smith PC MP.

16. On appointment you had an immediate Ministerial duty to inform yourself of the existence of any contentious issues in your Department drawing from the usual ministerial briefing given to all new Ministers by the then DWP's Permanent Secretary [PS] Sir John Deveraux KCB [Rtd 2018], and subsequently, by Mr. Peter Schofield [PS] who is the current accounting officer for the DWP when reporting to Parliament. Clearly you heard them but you chose not to listen.

17. Both these PS's had a special duty to inform you that your Department was already deeply enmired in this scandalous National Pension Fraud by unlawfully, in breach of the Data Protection Act 1998, supplying 'subject data' to the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority[LCFA] at this scandal's point of inception in Lancashire in late 2006; followed by a blatant Miscarriage of Justice at a corrupt Civil Court Hearing in February 2013; and in particular, post Hearing, highlighting the corrupt activities of the then Pension Ombudsman Mr. Anthony Arter OBE whom you controlled and were responsible for to Parliament.

18. It immediately became clear following your appointment, whether by practiced criminality or by acquiescing calculated silent deceit that you, PSs, and/or 'controlled' Civil Servant Freemason Brethren who were being directed by you and corrupt senior Conservative Party Politicians, which included the use by you of equally corrupt Justices [all named above].

19. In hiding your corrupt activities you were instructed by IDS to remain politically at 'arm's length' by creating, manipulating, and operating an artificial stonewall policy of obmutescent and dissimulation against the lawful entitlements of these 11,000 disabled Firefighters and their 30,000 Beneficiaries.

The Case of Disappearing Correspondence ?

20. On or about the 14th December 2017 the DWP received the first of two open unsolicited letters entitled 'Conspiracy to Defraud' from *pro bono* Barrister Mr. J. Copplestone-Bruce [Life Member - Inner Temple]. This was prompted by his alarm at the self-evident *de facto* criminality of The Pensions Ombudsman[TPO] Arter and also at the malfeasant role of TPR and the DWP, facts which he reported at large, including to you, the Minister responsible.

21. As expected no response was forthcoming from either your Permanent Secretary [PS] or yourself, so it remained a moot point, whether or not you had actually seen these two communications?

22. However, based on extensive pragmatic experience I was aware that it was, and remains, an accomplished function of IDS and his brother Freemasons, including those in Lancashire, to control those 'within the family' of local politicians and the Civil Service including compliant Ministers like yourself, PS's, Justices and associated Court Registrars and Civil Service[CS] staff at 'keypoint' posts

within the UK Courts of Law, not forgetting those CS's, who regularly 'administer' State sensitive Papers for Select Committees.

23. This seditious function is to perpetually provide IDS et al with an unlawful correspondence interception/mislay/informational service in direct contravention of the Telegraph Act of 1868 [as amended].

The Great UK Revolution.

24. The objective of IDS's control was three fold:

Primarily, to facilitate his aspiring governmental coups d'état commencing in 2019, to date;

Secondly, and coincidentally, to continue to support his 'family' Brethren in Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service [LFRS] by an unlawful discriminatory 'policy' which institutionalised and then nationalised a selective individual Pension Fraud which continues to afflict UK disabled Firefighters and their Beneficiaries today;

Thirdly, in conjunctive 'ring fencing' with the aforementioned bribed and corrupted "Best in the World" senior Justices of England & Wales to create and implement a secret policy of Judicial 'Omerta' which I have entitled 'Rejection by Judicial Obmutescent and Stonewalling' to prevent these 11,000 disabled Firefighters and their 30,000 Beneficiaries from lawfully exercising their Right to 'due legal process', because as we and the Government now know, 'The Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1992 Statutory Instrument[SI] No:129', Rule B3/4 actually *finds for these supplicants...*

25. Minister, on the 23rd August 2022 in the Bugler I published in 'Current Affairs ~ Volume 45' in which I laid several additional serious charges against you of *current examples* of your corrupt Ministerial practices in Public Office.

26. For example, you acted as IDS's *agent provocateur*, in extensive published correspondence with the Parliamentary DWP Select Committee [2022] by which you jointly attempted to corrupt the Parliamentary terms of appointment of a replacement Pension Ombudsman; yet another example of IDS and your dissimulating attempts to insert one of the 'family' selected Brethren into a 'keypoint' post *in order to buy his future corrupt usefulness and silence*; an attempt which was blocked by an alert Sir Stephen Timms MP [DWP ~ Chair ~ Select Committee].

27. I also publicly elucidated the quagmire of corruption with its consequences, which to your slowly dawning imagination, you found yourself fully implicated in since 2017; the personal consequence you are liable to; and the ultimate price of your criminality, which is likely to be one or more custodial sentences.

28. Unwisely, and still not thinking it through to a conclusion whilst dissimulating in the dark you could up to this point *still reasonably claim public ignorance* of this scandalous National

Pension Fraud but you decided, acting against your best survival instincts, or perhaps acting in self-preservation ~ which confirms prior knowledge ~ to retrieve the original intercepted/mislaid correspondence at your Department originating from Barrister Mr. J. Copplestone-Bruce [14th December 2017] and [6th June 2018].

29. Ironically your enquiries prompted stonewalling attitudes in your own staff who simply confirmed to you their prior and extensive knowledge of the Fraud which they had a duty to inform you of and you continued to press for these elusive Barrister's letters which to your relief you eventually found in the Bugler's 'Correspondence Library Year ~ 2017' *where you actually downloaded the 14th December 2017 edition on the 23rd August 2022 @09:25:07hrs.* Yet carelessly you failed to find or download the 6th June 2018 follow up found in 'Correspondence/ Library/ Year ~ 2018'.

Those in League with a 'bought' Minister.

30. Minister, having finally acquired one of these two 'wayward' documents it depressingly confirmed to you the extent of the criminality in which you were fully involved [if you did not already know] while you struggled to mount a political defensive posture to extract yourself from this appalling reality, slowly realising *from this irrevocable point of download forward you simply could not claim ignorance of this scandalous fraud*; its criminality; your acquiescing role and culpability; and the guilty involvement of those Civil Servants under your Ministerial control.

Finally realising the future dire circumstances you are going to face when Parliamentary questions are asked and the national media headlines spin up their interest in your corrupt practices in Ministerial Office. You have much to answer for, and to lose...

31. Still unable to think clearly, you foolishly decided that you would seek confidential advice from your immediate political superior, Cabinet Member, 'master manipulator' and your dear friend and fellow equine lover Dr.T.Coffey PhD PC MP who since 2019 has been habitually cultivating your friendship? Now you know why...

32. Your indiscreet and thoughtless investigations, as the Truth eluded your grasp, caused considerable alarm in the 'Omerta' cadre and even though belatedly you joined the other political lemmings in their stampede 'over the cliff' to resign from the Johnson 'government', within a matter of hours you found yourself coercively and perplexingly parachuted by Johnson/IDS/Rees-Mogg/Coffey back into your old recently vacated junior Ministerial post.

33. Regrettably you completely misread the reason for this 're-appointment', which was a duplicitous act entirely lost on you because *it was to guarantee your future obmutescent.* There is one born every minute...

34. Put simply, Coffey, her co-conspirators IDS, Johnson, Rees-Mogg and their corrupted Justices damned you into Silence with faint praise but the fact was you had inadvertently alarmed them by raising queries about the 'mislaid' correspondence concerning the missing £5Bil Pensions Fraud underpayments now overdue to the UK's 11,000 disabled Firefighters and their 30,000 Beneficiaries since 1992 which you thought you knew all about, whilst

conveniently forgetting that the victims are Electors at the fast approaching next UK General Election.

35. No doubt Coffey, as the sorcerer's manipulative apprentice of Mephistopheles IDS, and ace calculating 'sales person', used her latent Irish descendancy on your faux friendship and palpable gullibility to remind you how indispensable you were to her at the DWP and thus you bought into her flattering 'blarney', hook line and sinker and indeed you were and remain indispensable, but not for the purposes you might imagine, because by then you were no longer a free man.

36. The extraordinary alacrity of your gullible acceptance of this IDS/Johnson/Rees-Mogg/Coffey 're-appointment' proved to them that, coupled with your accelerating politically ambitious greed, and your lack of integrity that *your obmutescent* was 'For Sale' and thus IDS/Johnson/Rees-Mogg/Coffey seized it .

37. But it was not to cease there because your culpable cronies had placed you in their black mail grip and once there, no matter how daintily it was couched, they intend that you will remain there in obmutescent as the 'Fall Guy' [no pun intended]. It was time to waken up to the end game of consequences...

The Gubbins Turn PM Nominees

38. Coffey is an arch manipulator who politically lies at the bottom of this denial of 'due process' chain consisting of herself, her master controller IDS/Rees-Mogg, not forgetting their controlled Justices and when in power, even for a few transient hours, the PM of the day who in superseding all others is surely duty bound to know who s/he appoints and though it may be done by Civil Servants at arm's length 'deniability', the responsibility rests entirely with the PM?

39. Coffey was, and remains the 'contact presence' at the critical monthly Privy Council [PC] Meeting with the Sovereign. It was not a coincidence that Coffey was particularly chummy with the PC Registrar Mr.Louise des Mambros [now retired] who was also the Registrar for the Supreme Court and Lord Reed its President.

40. The Privy Council remains a venue for all these whispering conspirators, especially for the attending senior Justices, with, for example, yet another equine link to Justice the Rt Hon G. Vos PC ~ Master of the Rolls, a congenital crook and so called 'horse and bull breeder' in the Malvern Hills and, baloney aside, prompts the question where does Vos actually keep his missing horse manège?

41. All these Privy Councillors [PC] are contributors to the Judicial Rejection by Obmutescent and Stonewalling of any attempt by the victims of this State Pension Fraud to implement their Human Right to 'due legal process'. But these criminals have a shared survivalist instinct with the arrogant belief that their criminality is 'untouchable' by the hoi polloi, until to their shared horror and disbelief, one by one, they have disappeared under the IDS driven Conservative Party 1922 Committee Clapham omnibus the latest being Johnson, when it suits him....

42. It has been said that one should always keep ones potential opponents close to the heart and that is what Coffey, as you now well know Minister, does unceasingly with only one personal objective in her mind, the attainment of the Premiership for herself to the detriment of every Conservative politician and her Party and that is why, her cynical objective having been exposed by the Conservative 'Old Guard', she now finds herself in the woody woodlands in charge of DEARA [Dept. for Environment Agriculture and Rural Affairs]. Such is riding the Tiger's back...

43. Incidentally, it seems that all those associated with high bred horses, other than hacks, are inveterate shady gamblers, prepared to gamble with their most priceless possessions, integrity, honesty, transparency, and personal freedom, but in the end game they and you will find that no one is above the Law; so Minister as a former amateur jockey [the equine link] you are in grubby sleazy Conservative company.

44. With the announcement of IDS's next PM 'Nominee', Truss, a coup d'état Mark II Prime Minister, even more uncontrollable and more vacuous than IDS or Johnston, who are both profoundly stupid politicians and past their 'sell-by-date' revolutionaries, when *eventually* the truly Conservative 'Old Guard' woke up to the fact that IDS was engaged in a power grab, a putsch for himself and UK Freemasonry [which he has terminally damaged] with his multifaceted coups d'état which came to a juddering halt as Truss resigned and IDS's powerbase in the Conservative Party 1922 Committee stalled into violent fisty-cuffs confusion in the House of Commons counting lobby.

45. The straws in the wind were choleric but beautiful to behold.

46. At the sheer mention of Sunak's Asian name as the next PM 'Nominee', humble Rees-Mogg simply gave up the ghost and promptly resigned taking his Chinese obmutescent and Secrets with him, *for the moment*.

47. Sunak, with a criminal record [times x 2] then stumbled into the spotlight. A naïve UK politician with no political experience to speak of who cannot understand how even a poorly managed democracy can function without a 'caste' system, including the right to strike, but perhaps he has the cunning intelligence or nous to learn to be a PM, but will time allow that ?

48. Sunak next attempted to build a rainbow coalition within a very disparate Conservative Party [to save the Party but not the Nation] as IDS grumbled himself off onto the backbenches with his straw chewing yokels, stating in a blatant falsehood, that he had been offered and rejected a Sunak appointment which simply confirmed, yet again, his tendency towards racist bigotry, but a bigot can be a saintly aspiration for many other backbenchers.

49. The laughable huff and guff IDS posturing about retiring to the political wings in this farce is a complete sham as you and any seasoned observer will know. IDS is an abysmal politician, is addicted to power and all any observer has to do is separate the wheat from the pile of guff.

50. Meantime the cloying and clingy Coffey disappeared off the front bench heading for the political wilderness of green pastures at DEARA having blatantly wheedled and squirmed her

way into an appointment as Truss's Deputy Prime Minister saying that she was PM Truss's *best friend*, confidant, and parliamentary prompter when the Questions at PMQ [Prime Minister's Awkward Squad Question time], came thick and fast.

51. Coffey will of course see more of her horses and her Arab investors in Warwickshire at her undeclared parliamentary stud 'farm', an allegory for the residential caravan she pulled off in Suffolk claiming it was her and her Mum's permanent constituency home forgetting she lives at Billinge in Lancashire with her sister...they used to call people like her in Ireland Tinkers...who have the gall, that if it is not screwed down, it belongs to them...hence Coffey has the largest, by far, the longest list of received 'gifts' in the House of Commons!

52. At this point one must ask the obvious why was Coffey not sacked but only sent to the back benches ? The answer is obvious that both Sunak and she knows that she possesses too much inner circle politically dangerous baggage for his Premiership to prosper including the revelation of this 'elephant in the room' of a £5Bil+Compound Interest National Pension Fraud.

53. Old adages say about Coffey, if it looks and behaves like a bag lady, then *it is a bag lady*, with a bag full of political hand grenades, and she is better retained under control even though it is out in the Somerset Levels; or if you prefer, the American maxim concerning tents and urinating; or finally the blackmailers', blackmailer...

Opportunity Strikes

54. So the game appeared up for IDS, Rees-Mogg, and Coffey but what about you Minister? Your denouement came a little earlier, or did it, when it became every matelot for himself on the deck of this Titanic Revolution, with women and children last !

55. It seems Minister that waning stars became the fashionable order of the day including yours. One can only imagine your chagrin and your high dungeon immediately after you had just done the IDS/Johnson/Rees-Mogg/Coffey 'cabal' a huge sell-out 'favour' to man the DWP pumps when without further ado, as you so pithily put it, Truss peremptorily decided to ... 'relieve you of your duties'... and you were dispatched to the Tory backbenches after 7 years' service as a Conservative Party Whip and Junior Minister, though Readers will recall you told the world that you were mightily relieved, whilst forgetting the Law has a Long Arm?

56. Power apparently is the original aphrodisiac and having sipped from the poisoned chalice it finally dawned on you that your criminal associates had indeed all bailed out in this maelstrom of corruption and dashed revolutionary zeal, leaving you to 'carry the can', but perversely your cronies IDS et al remaining inherently stupid had unwittingly placed priceless power in your slippery hands, useful for another day especially for a Minister of such boundless ambition and flexible morality.

57. But as we know after the collapse of Truss's administration, because it could not be described as a government, came Sunak, as the next Conservative Party 'Nominee' who unwittingly provided you with the opportunity to fulfil the destiny of your warped ambition. A

Nominee promising "*this government will have integrity, professionalism and accountability at every level.*", A promise which you are unlikely to fulfil.

58. This was the pivotal moment in your mindless ambition born out of criminality when unbelievably you decided you may as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb, which indeed you will...

But Truss and Sunak had greater fish to fry than a mere Under Secretary and no one was listening to your feeble attempts at a dialogue with the incoming Sunak/Conservative Party's administration so it did not immediately bear fruit.

59. Clearly such ingratitude was intolerable and having sold your professional Soul so cheaply for a penny roll, and after having taken the irreversible first step of selling out your good name and that of your family, your integrity, and honesty, you were not best pleased and yet you slowly realised that indeed you *were in possession of incalculable knowledge* of IDS's institutionalised Pension Fraud on a grand scale entitling you, as you saw it, to sell out to the highest bidder, *for your benefit for a change...* and as a former Tory Whip you well knew how the trading works...did you not?

60. Sunak had a plethora of problems, the least of which is criminality; partying [fined] and seatbelts [fined]; all centred around, as he still sees it, how to rescue the Conservative Party from political oblivion whilst accommodating a rainbow coalition of all the competing disenchanting splinter groups of the Party without losing their voting support; a balancing act set against a substantial shortfall of experienced or accomplished Ministers of any description.

61. This shortfall provided you with an opportune moment, whilst re-employed at the DWP to capitalise on your old Whip trading skills armed with IDS's legacy of Judicial Rejection by Obmutescent and Stonewalling with its useful sensitive tradable criminal knowledge which was now in your sole possession.

62. A trade off which you used to 'encourage' IDS and the Conservative 1922 Committee to support your candidature for the existing vacant middle ranking DWP Minister for Employment which you envisaged just slipping into whilst remaining at the DWP using all the old trading skills you had honed there as a Junior Minister which also, rather neatly, fulfilled Sunak's Ministerial capability short fall.

63. Clearly though it was a 'hard sell' highlighted by the delay in publishing your promotion by appointment [horse trading takes time] but confirmed by the 'rainy day' low key level of its public announcement. A promotion which inimitably brought inherent benefits to IDS and the 'family' Brethren including their continuing 'investment' in your quid pro quo of Silence.

So where do you find yourself ?

64. Minister, I am sure you find all this somewhat depressing but it seems appropriate, at this juncture following your pyric coups de main, to evaluate where you now *actually* find yourself and although deeper into this quagmire of corruption, with its resultant personal and family humiliation to follow, you have nevertheless achieved this higher Public Office, mostly by hook

and crook which means you have further to fall from the gibbet because you now have acquired the suffix as a blackmailer whilst probably facing indeterminate custodial sentences which match a growing list of criminal offences.

65. This trapdoor will most assuredly be sprung when the question is presented to the PM Sunak across the Despatch Box by the Opposition... PM would you care to explain to the House how was it you appointed Junior Minister Opperman, a Full Minister? A PM who must surely have known the background to your 'solicited' appointment and thus the PM has also become a reluctant 'accessory after the fact'; a co-conspirator of yours ?

The Consequences of Treason and Sediton

66. I am duty bound to explain to my International Readers the 'normal' Political standing and responsibilities of a UK Minister of State [for Employment] and your continuing legal responsibilities for this National Pension Fraud as you continue in higher Ministerial office at the DWP?

67. Unless you have forgotten, which I doubt, you will be aware that even as a 'door tenant' barrister whether currently practicing or not, you continue to be an Officer of the Court with its full panoply of duties when you swore to uphold the Law, following your swearing-in of several Oaths at the Bar, to the Sovereign, the Citizens, and the Nation.

68. In addition to Common Law exposure to the Fraud Act 2006 [as amended] you are also subject to two individual Standards of [Mis]Conduct firstly, the Bar Standards Board, the Chair of which is, since 1st September 2022, Ms Kathryn Elizabeth Stone OBE, Doctor of Laws; and secondly from January 2023 when Mr. Daniel Isaac Greenberg CB was appointed independent Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards of the House of Commons.

69. Furthermore, when finally in 2022 you became fully aware of the dimensions and personal implications for you of this National Pension Fraud you signally failed to act to halt or correct this wrong doing, further compounding this felony by denying these predisposed Applicants their Human Right to 'due legal process' which under the European Convention on Human Rights [ECHR] Directive Article 6 is the "Right to a Fair Trial" which is our common law Human Right to Justice.

But then given your years of practice in *pro bono* Human Rights Law in the lower English Courts you surely know all this?

70. Minister, all this criminality including your own, was effected under IDS's control and direction using his political vassal intermediaries principally Rt. Hon. J.Rees~Mogg PC,MP; Rt.Hon.Dr.T.Coffey PhD PC MP; and principally Judicially Sir Geoffrey Vos PC. which has led to the corruption of the reputation of England and Wales Juris Prudentia by these so called, by the Lord Chief Justice Lord Burnett, "Best in the World", senior 'independent', 'impartial', 'incorruptible' Justices created by rigging/rewarding their appointments and providing other inducements to carry out IDS's treasonous, seditious, fraudulent acts against the State, its disabled Firefighter Veterans and their Beneficiaries.

The Financial Embarrassment

71. The logical step is to examine these illustrious Justices following LCJ Burnett's [Upon appointment-2017] ill-advised published twitterings.

72. Justices who have in actualite seditiously perverted the course of Justice and profoundly damaged the international reputation of Juris Prudentia in England and Wales.

73. The first question arising is why was it so easy to corrupt them? Because, it seems, they were already corrupted by the bribed fulfilment of their career ambitions which we continue to witness as you and others persist in the continuum of corrupting them regularly over this scandal.

74. Next one should also ask these illustrious Justices of Law, why was such a criminal conspiracy of Sedition, Surreptition, Rejection by Judicial Obmutescent and Stonewalling, and perverting the 'due legal process' *actually necessary, if*, a prime facia reading of 1992 Statutory Instrument No:129 by any accomplished government law advisors *had already found for the Government which they did not...*

75. A warped 'fact' which you Minister, as an accomplished barrister, and having access to internal privileged governmental legal advice will already know *they did not*, in fact, they actually *found for the disabled Fire Fighters...*thus another plank of your defence just fell away.

76. Your collective problem was not the Law per se, but the resultant embarrassingly large calculation of £5Bil+Statutory Compound Interest overdue, nationwide, in arrears of underpaid Pension Payments due to disabled Firefighters and their Beneficiaries since 1992.

77. An amount calculated by the application of the Statutory provisions of the 'Late Payment of Commercial Debts [Interest] Act 1998' which operates on the Statutory principle of applying 8% Compound Interest to this overdue Debt in Pension Payments due to all these 40,000 disabled Firefighter Veterans and their Pension Beneficiaries, who are also Electors.

The Illustrious Corrupt Justices ?

78. Next a detailed look at the corrupt actions of some of these illustrious Justices commencing with Master of the Rolls the Rt Hon Justice Sir Geoffrey Vos PC who is an interesting arrogant cove, yet another Justice who lacks intellectual rigour or moral scruples but the same cannot be said for his personal ambition or fiscal greed.

79. The primary skill which Justice Vos exhibited, under the direction of Coffey et al, was to corruptly attempt to exploit my perceived ignorance of the Law and 'due legal process' by creating and applying an imaginary lawless 'rule' of 'Judicial Rejection by Obmutescent and Stonewalling'.

80. When it served Justice Vos's flagrant criminal purpose of abuse of the judicial system to deny 11,000 disabled Firefighters Veterans and 30,000 Beneficiaries their Right to 'due legal process', he used his Civil Servant Freemason 'family' at the Registries of Courts to knowingly

and maladroitly intercept/mislay and malignantly manipulate lawful documents.

81. Further, he supported this perversion using compliant subordinate junior Justices at the High Court of Appeal and Chancery who under his direct control he 'parachuted' [Fancourt] into the 'due legal process' with the *absolute* intention of perverting the course of Justice.

82. Furthermore, his intention was to implement this preordained Judicial Rejection by Obmutescent and Stone Walling which concluded without the issue of a single Judicial Judgement, at any or every stage; a Judgement which is a tenet of every EU and UK Applicant's Human Right to Justice within any Court of England, Wales, and Europe.

83. When Vos was a junior Justice at the High Court of 'Chancers' [Chancery] he was attached to the British Virgin Islands [BVI] dainty Court House as a 'visiting' Justice which served a dual purpose because he surely knew it was a notorious tax haven? But to protect himself from the UK prying Taxman he sought to hide his extracurricular activities by laundering his 'spare cash' in another adjacent and obscure British Colony, Barbuda.

84. Unfortunately for Vos early in 2022 at short notice Barbuda decided that its Constitutional future lay in becoming a Republic, and one assumes, in rather a panic following this decision the Bugler logged Vos into Barbuda using a proxy over a 7 day period where no doubt he was having a 'holiday' at the Tax Payers expense whilst he moved his 'laundry' from Barbuda back to the adjacent BVI with which he was so familiar.

"Best in the World", at tax evasion?

85. Closer to home in the Malvern Hills, one wonders if Vos still claims exemption as a working corn acre agricultural farm from the Herefordshire Community Charge [a Local Tax]? Yet in the Jewish Chronical he misleads us, from the other side of his mouth, that his farm is a fully functioning commercial horse stud and bull progeny breeding farm which includes a sprinkling of individual private sub-residences, which he publicly advertises, as rental holiday homes though presumably used ex gratia for visiting horse and bull breeder owners who visit their 'investments'. All of which, according to the Taxman, are not tax exempt?

86. But ["Independent"?] Vos did not act alone. He was aided and abetted in this Rejection by Judicial Obmutescent and Stonewalling, leading to the absence of any Judicial Judgement, by the Lord Chief Justice Lord Burnett PC ["Impartial"?] and the President of the Supreme Court Lord Reed PC ["Incorruptible"?] who as the Bugler's correspondence records show were *all* fully aware of Vos's criminality at a very early stage, but who *all* failed in oversight to take any legitimate judicial action whatsoever in respect of an "Extraordinary Appeal" submitted directly to them by me, and others; a permitted legal provision for any Appellant at the UK Supreme Court given these "*Extraordinary*" circumstances which they alone created.

The Justices who never knew ?

87. Neither Reed nor his [then] Registrar Mrs Louise de Mambros can plead ignorance of the Court's receipt or lodgement of this "Extraordinary Appeal", fee paid at the Supreme Court. Nor by its acceptance with the encashment of the £1,200.0 fee the creation of the Common Law

contractual obligation to provide, 'due legal process', which required that this "Extraordinary Appeal" was to be placed before the President, or his nominees, of the Supreme Court for Trial whether later they decided to return the encashed cheque or not, the Contract was established.

88. Indeed, Registrar des Mambros, who was also Registrar for the Privy Council [PC], which was all rather fortuitous for conniving with Coffey, Reed et al , *reinforced receipt* in a one line response which bizarrely stated that she believed the President was "unable to help".

89. Interestingly high flying Legal Eagle the UK President of the Supreme Court Lord Reed PC ["Independent & Impartial & Incorruptible"] sits on an ad hoc Committee at the European Convention on Human Rights in Strasbourg. One wonders when we all get there shortly how this particular Court will view his cant and hypocrisy as indeed will the Irish Bar which he visits regularly in Dublin to teach the 'natives a few tricks'. Surely he must be declared *persona non grata* by both organisations?

90. Furthermore, Vos and Reed were also aided and abetted by the most senior law Lord in England and Wales Lord Burnett, Privy Councillor [PC], the Lord Chief Justice, who, given the volume of Recorded Delivery and duplicated correspondence delivered to each of them including LCJ, in some cases by hand, could not and cannot, under any circumstances, plead ignorance of receipt, or plead ignorance of the existence, of this "Extraordinary Appeal"?

Ministerial Explanations

91. Now Minister, in returning to the Pensions Scandal, a simple Question? When did you inform each of these transient Prime Ministers of this National Pension Fraud during the period of their transitory Office?

What instruction in remedial action did the last three Prime Ministers of the day then issue to you ?

92. Perhaps you might care to explain, in the case of myself and forty one thousand other pension recipients [disabled Firefighter Veterans ~ 11,000 and their Beneficiaries ~ 30,000] when you were recently promoted to this latest *full* Ministerial post as the over arcing lawfully responsible Minister whether or not you have already informed your Junior Minister, the newly appointed 'Pensions Minister' Ms. L.Trott, of this major National Pension Fraud at the DWP and what your joint intentions are to correct this scandal to ensure that the compensated backdated correct payment of these lawfully due pensions since 1992 are immediately reimbursed to these victims, by the DWP who is not without clean hands either?

93. Following your Yuletide island holiday am I to assume, six months later, that you do not intend presenting a Statement to the House and thus you intend [head in the sands] to take no action as previously on a National Pension Fraud of the significance of £5Bill+Statutory Compound Interest which has been before you since 2017?

94. Is it perhaps that you are obediently following the dictat of PM Sunak and his Cabinet in supporting their unlawful denial of our rightfully due disablement pensions, since 1992 a lack

of corrective action which de facto will confirm that the PM *is fully advised by you* of this National Pension Fraud, thus confirming *his* complicity?

95. It only takes the slightest spark of imagination Minister to understand the ramifications all this and to then reflect what action you should personally take if only to protect your remaining professional integrity; your political self-preservation; and your personal freedom ?

96. Surely your experience in the professional world of criminality which notably included defending *pro bono* Human Rights applicants in the Courts have taught you some lessons which in your pursuit of ambition and greed you have chosen to ignore?

Family Good Name ?

97. And what of your family good name? What will your wife, and with time, your children and extended family think of your shameless treacherous criminal misconduct? Perhaps in a Crie de Coeur they might be driven to ask how could you have been so stupid and greedy? A base instinct of greed which simply confirms, once more, that Power does indeed corrupt.

98. There is no escaping the facts of the appalling political/criminal imbroglio which you placed yourself and your family in, compounded with your uncontrolled ambition and greed by placing your integrity and personal freedom in the hands of cynical criminals, aka Duncan Smith; Jacob Rees-Mogg and Coffey; and the worst of all the ruthlessly corrupt and manipulative Judiciary and its Civil Service.

99. It may well be that you have already privately thrown yourself on PM Sunak's mercy, but somehow I doubt that, and thus currently the PM might well *be unaware* that not only do you hold his political future in your hands but in doing so you have also made him an '*accessory after the fact*' ~ yet another confirmed criminal conviction for the PM.

100. Indeed the future of the Sunak Government with the prospect of a General Election rests entirely with you; and furthermore a Conservative Party doomed to political perdition for at least the next electoral generation

101. Finally comes the most disconcerting matter of all which you surely must continue to ponder. How are you going to retain and use this 'Get out of Jail free card' which you have now created and ruthlessly exploited for your own greedy material advancement whilst cogitating is there a solution to your unenviable and imponderable situation?

Resolution and Restitution? ~ What is my intent?

102. My intent remains unchanged and unchanging whilst directly acting on behalf of those compulsorily discharged Lancashire disabled Fire Service Veterans and their Beneficiaries whom have placed their trust in me, whether or not, they are Freemasons.

103. Further, I presage my options with my oft publicly repeated views on Freemasonry.

104. I live in a democracy albeit a hapless example. Any Citizen is entitled to join and engage with any lawful organisation which s/he chooses.

105. Where my moral and spiritual views diverge is if any organisation, or its individual components, use unlawful or immoral practices to gain unfair advantage over other fellow Citizens and/or deny or obstruct *their* God Given Human Right to Justice for the abhorrent purpose of personal or organisational pecuniary gain, then I will strenuously object.

106. I have never sought unfair advantage nor will I act unlawfully, nor have I done so. Jointly and individually we seek full reimbursement and full restitution of the corruptly enforced alleged pension 'overpayments' and the confirmed underpayments [with 8% compound interest since 1992, or when pension was first put into payment] from the LFRS Pension Fund into which we paid the highest level contributions and which we have earned on the streets of Lancashire, in the Service of Lancashire Communities.

107. In the light of the synoptic outline evidence I have presented to you I suggest that you should without further dissimulation or delay take action in Resolution and Restitution to rectify these Injustices and for pragmatic purposes I will allow you 14 days to indicate to me what your Government's formal intentions are? One assumes expediency?

The Pathway to Justice.

108. Should you find it uncomfortable to dialogue with me even though I have been under formal tutelage from Mr. John Copplestone-Bruce [Life Member-Inner Temple] since 2011, Mr. J. Copplestone-Bruce[J.C-B.] has given his permission for me to indicate to you that he is prepared in the pursuit of Justice to assist you in your Restitution and Resolution endeavours but he restricts his endeavours to disabled Firefighters and/or Beneficiary Members of the LCFA 1992 Pension Fund only.

Within, 'Pensions ~ In Plain English' on 'The Morning Bugler', [indeed uniquely the facility is provided to download the entire document] is to be found 'Seminal Works in Plain English', a synoptic biography of J.C-B.

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Finally we, jointly believe that what other Fire and Rescue Authorities, with similar Pension Fund deficits might care to do is a matter for them.

In all these legal matters of Public integrity, honesty and transparency, as PM Sunak would have it, I am advised by my good friend and Tutor for over a decade, *pro bono* Mr. John Copplestone-Bruce, Life Member of the Inner Temple; a Bar at which you Minister continue to be a practicing criminal barrister albeit a 'Gate tenant' .

109. Minister, unlike this letter's frontispiece, the purpose of certain of the attached Appendices are self-evident providing you with additional information of significance in the form of either a

narrative, or de facto copies of specific historical legal documents concerning this Pension Scandal which you should be made aware of; *if* you are to fully understand the genesis of this scandalous National Pension Fraud, which originated in Lancashire.

110. Anticipating your failure to acknowledge or respond, as previously, within the time period I have stipulated I will publish the contents of this document worldwide to the media and to the Prime Minister as open correspondence because we expect him to... "have integrity, professionalism and accountability at every level."

111. Furthermore, I will, without further notice to you, make Application with detailed legal Addenda to the ECHR Court at Strasbourg citing the appropriate Articles of the Convention which the UK have with malice aforethought failed to implement for its Citizens as an ECHR Member State and thus I will conclude that I have also exhausted the Juris Prudentia of England and Wales.

112. Minister, Mr.J.C-B has persuaded me, against my better instincts, to proffer you a final opportunity to promptly take Ministerial action to rectify all these unlawful matters. Failing which I recommend that you approach the DPP and turn King's Evidence throwing yourself on the Courts' mercy before I publish all this evidence unmasking of all those involved with you in this criminal conspiracy of Sedition and Fraud.

What are your Options?

113. In 2006. When the LCFA became aware of their failure to maintain an accurate 'account' of their Firefighters Pension Fund they had a Statutory duty to report the gravity of this failure to The Pensions Regulator which they failed to do.

114. In 2007 – 2011, in another deliberate miscarriage of justice, when the LCFA unlawfully retrieved these 'alleged' overpayments from the disabled Firefighter Veterans and their Beneficiaries they failed to transfer these funds for reallocation back to LCFA Lancashire Firefighters Pension Fund. Where have they gone? Because no Public account record has ever been published?

115. You and/or your Under Secretary Ms.Trott [The Pensions Minister] should immediately carry out a publicly declared strictly time limited Ministerial Inquiry into Pension Fund fraud at the LCFA and its unlawful association with the DWP over 'subject data'. All based on the additional evidence of corrupt and unlawful practices I have presented to you in the attached Appendices.

116. This will 'facilitate' the LCFA in paying back the disabled Firefighters of Lancashire and their Beneficiaries that which the LCFA have fraudulently swindled them of including the unlawfully enforced repayments of the 2007-2011 alleged DWP 'overpayments', all due to the LFRS's failure to maintain and retain accurate individual pension records within a properly 'maintained' Statutory Pension Fund 'account'.

117. Furthermore, as a consequence of the LCFA failure of Statutory duty to 'maintain' an accurate 'account' including individual pension records they have failed to apply the correct

provisions of the relevant Pension Fund law [1992 SI No:129]; to pay the overdue arrears; and following correction, the continuing balance due to their Fund Members underpaid pensions since these individual pensions were first put in payment; all attracting 8% Statutory Compound Interest.

A budget of several £Millions is envisaged in restitution which no doubt the LFRS reserves will be applied to from the well-endowed Local Pensions Partnership of which they are a founding Partner.

118. Any unexplained delay on your part will be construed as the continuing practice of Rejection by Judicial Obmutescent and Stonewalling and without further contact I will bring the UK Government to the ECHR Court of Strasbourg and because the Statutory UK Laws will find for us and the UK will pay the final bill which will amount to at least £5+Billion+8% Compound Interest with its attendant individual, national, and international impact.

119. Finally returning to the Statute Law may I remind you and your Secretary of State, The Rt Hon Mel Stride MP, that you both have a **Statutory duty under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 which *compels you to resolve any pension dispute by taking the issue to the High Court on a Point of Law.* I recommend you promptly do so by ex parte if you so desire.**

120. I would have thought it is an easy choice to make. If I can assist further please hasten to let me know...

Yours Truly,



Divisional Fire Officer [Rtd] Grad I Fire E.



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United Kingdom

Oklahoma Medal of Valour
&
Honorary Citizenship



Oklahoma USA

Appendix 'A' .

A Truncated Narrative of LCFA Pension Misfeasance.

121. Since 1947, Lancashire County Council [LCC] and its operational command Lancashire County Fire Brigade [LCFB 61 stations], was the progenitor of the 1998 Lancashire Combined Fire Authority [LCFA] and its operational command Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service [LFRS 40 stations].

122. The LCFA, formed in 1998, was a politically opportunistic organisation created by the gerrymandering of local MP Mr. Jack Straw [Labour ~ Blackburn] to capture the growing local ethnic votes for his personal political aggrandisement.

123. The resultant hybrid *combination* organisation of 3 Local Authorities was a politically excessive polyglot collection of 25 corrupt Councillors of all Parties ~ top to bottom.

124. In addition this absurdly corrupt organisation, including its senior uniformed management [to date] continues to be controlled and directed by the Lancashire Freemason Brotherhood under its leader Mr. M. B. Winterbottom a solicitor.

125. So in unapologetic discrimination, ethnic and female employees, whether uniformed or not, are never permitted the Equal Opportunity to attain Principal Officer ranks and who should know better than I ? Perhaps the new Sovereign may have divergent views on Winterbottom's approach to Equality?

126. Based at the historically bestial [Hung, Drawn, and Quartered] Lancaster Castle under the direction of Mr. Max Benskin Winterbottom who is the permanently appointed Under Sheriff for the Duchy of Lancaster, as close as any Under Sherriff [one wonders if he is a Pro Grand Master] is likely to be permitted to get to the serving the new Monarch, King Charles III.

127. Supposedly retired, this former solicitor and omnipotent Leader of Lancashire's Freemasons, after a very long stint as Clerk of the Lancashire Fire Authority, was the first official to threaten to sue me for defamation providing a useful barometer of panic which increased the closer I got to the Truth.

Winterbottom runs a fly fishery on small ox bow lakes at the side of the Lune in Caton Lancashire where he retains many fingers in many pies as a leading Freemason in the North West of England.

128. The Lancashire Freemason Brotherhood, colloquially known nationwide as 'the family', were never renowned for their intellectual rigour but were exemplary corrupters. Routinely they include in their current ranks the local titular 'Lancashire High Sheriff ~ Deputy Lieutenant [DL]', King Charles III Nominee, whose primary duty ... "is to protect and assist in upholding the dignity and wellbeing of HM Judges"? "Best in the World"?

Hardly surprisingly, present are the subordinate Lancashire Chief Constables and their 'family', rank holders at every level and other Heads of Local Authorities and useful public organisations, etc., all of which proliferate.

129. The Temple Brethren routinely includes the local judiciary ranging from amateur magistrates to “Best in the World” Justices. In 2011, for example, this local judiciary was under the control of an embarrassing Circuit Court Justice [Head of the local Family Division] for Lancashire and Cumbria, His Honour Justice Philip Butler who was on perpetual call to ensure that Lady Justitia did as she was told at the direction of Winterbottom et al, as we shall see.

130. Butler, a Catholic, was in contravention of the long standing Papal Bull of 1738, ‘*In eminenti apostolatus specula*’ of Pope Clement XII which bans Catholics from becoming Freemasons, but who also happened to be a Knight of the Equus Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, anointed by the Pope.

Butler was, like Vos, just another one of LCJ Burnett’s, the “Best in the World”; “Independent?” “Impartial?” And “Incorruptible?” Justices who soiled every one of those laudatory principles.

LCFB Firefighters Pension Fund 1947 ~ 1998.

131. Since 1947 the LCC and its operational command the LCFB including its successor in 1998 the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority [LCFA] and its operational command the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service[LFRS] was required to operate a current Statutory National Pension Scheme for full time Firefighters[now including part-time] and their Beneficiaries.

132. In late 1971 I was transferred to Brigade HQ and appointed as Brigade Press Liaison Officer. Part of this holding appointment, pending appointment to Station Command in 1972, was to familiarise me with in-post BHQ civilian staff, their roles and functions, essential knowledge for future dialogue with BHQ staff.

133. The Personnel Department staff included Ms. Eileen Joan Drinkall [EJD] described as a ‘pensions clerk’ but who was in legal fact the *sub-delegated* Pension Scheme administrator [the Pension Scheme manager is always the delegated Authority’s Chief Fire Officer] and remains so, well after Ms.Drinkall’s retirement in 2002.

134. To support her work the LCC provided a ‘Pensions Services’ department [the actual pension paymasters] for all its Pension Schemes[120], including the LCFB Pension Scheme with its Pension Fund and Members, under a long service pension clerk called Mrs. Dorothy Lambert who liaised with Ms.Drinkall.

135. At that point in time I was a Member of the 1973 Pension Scheme.

136. The immediate predecessor of the 1992 Scheme [a combination/enhancement Scheme] was the 1973 Pension Scheme [a non-enhancement Scheme]. The latter a rather simplistic set of Regulations consisting of 80 pages with no form of *official* working guide.

Similar in actuarial principle and practice to the Police Pension Scheme it put into payment pensions based on a *maximum* of 40/60th [known as the hypothetical pension] calculated on a retirees’ last year of Average Pensionable Pay [APP]. A simple one fits all ‘pension scheme’ for those retiring.

137. Better late than never, to increase Pension Scheme awareness in all Ranks, in 1987 Kent and Surrey Fire Brigades produced and supplied nationwide a 45 page Guide to the 1973

Scheme. The LCC supplied the Guide to all LCFB Officer Ranks, including myself. A cautionary caveat reminds the users that a Guide is simply that, a guide, which **cannot replace the provisions of the actual relevant Statutory Instrument [SI]**.

138. This example based Guide was undoubtedly casually used by Ms. Drinkall as a crude ready reckoner for the 1973 Scheme to provide a 'quick fix' for providing pensions to Firefighters retiring in Lancashire, pre1992, by the simple application of 40/60ths to a hypothetical calculated gross pension which then became the pension put into payment.

139. This casual approach, as subsequent disastrous events record, ignored the *critical requirement* for any Pension Scheme clerk, including Ms.Drinkall and Mrs Lambert, to understand and accurately apply the *actual provisions* of the relevant Statutory Instrument when putting new pensions into payment.

LCFB Firefighters Pension Scheme 1992 ~ 1998.

140. A *part resolution* of the first national Fire Service strike in 1977-78 was the enactment of a new and more complex, even generous Pension Scheme, the '1992 Firemen's Pension Scheme Order Statutory Instrument No:129' [SI], enacted in March 1992.

141. This was, unlike the 1973 Scheme, a specifically *complex combination Scheme* encompassing both non-enchantment *and* enhancement elements.

142. It consisted of 90 pages of detailed Regulations but because of the complexity of its typographical layout and its multifaceted legal drafting language it was accompanied with an official plain English, Home Office Commentary [HOC], a guide of 394 pages including the repeating caveat ... "*Its purpose is to help those who use the Scheme to understand its provisions, bearing in mind that such guidance cannot replace or override those provisions.*".

143. Once more this caveat, ubiquitous to all legislative 'Guides' is that no Guide can replace the regime of the accurate application of an SI's *provisions* to which it refers. For example, this HOC does indeed contain omissions, ambiguities, errors and can of course be misread by the untrained.

All a trap for the unwary because the HOC was written under a less strict regime than those required from scientific actuaries drafting legislation.

144. The Morning Bugler was the only publication to ever reproduce this entire HOC unedited/unredacted in full for the use of UK Firefighters nationwide to assist them in understanding their pensions.

Maladministration 1992 ~ 1998.

145. 'Maladministration' of any Pension Scheme has been defined by The Pension Ombudsman as the presence of 'Overpayments' and/or 'Underpayments' within the Scheme. It follows that 'Malfescence' is the institutionalisation of 'Maladministration' whereby the Authority [LCFB] *knowingly* acts unlawfully.

146. With the enactment of the new pensions SI on 1st March 1992, the LCFB at BHQ had in post a single full-time clerk Ms.Drinkall and at the LCC Pensions Services [its then pension provider], a full time pensions clerk Mrs. Dorothy Lambert who liaised with Ms.Drinkall in overseeing the previous 1973 Scheme but who were now jointly required to administer a new 1992 Scheme with of over 2000 LCFB Pension Fund Members.

147. From personal knowledge neither Ms.Drinkall nor Mrs Lambert her LCC colleague held a nationally recognised Statutory Qualification for Pension Scheme management, even by voluntary paid subscription to an 'industry' association. Nor surprisingly did they ever receive or seek any training or qualification in a discipline which also required audit skills. Indeed, today in spite of the 'Hutton' Review no such qualification *by Statutory examination* exists in the UK Pension 'industry' including Fire Authorities.

148. It is clear no one received the minimum essential legal/audit training to transition from the 1973 to the '92 Scheme. Nor critically was anyone given a basic understanding of how to apply the legal provisions of this new legislation; what its new nomenclature might mean; or even how to correctly audit/calculate a 'hypothetical' pension for those Members retiring under the new '92 Scheme.

149. Thus Ms.Drinkall, in effect an untrained daily ledger Pension Fund clerk and the sub delegated Pension Scheme manager was expected just to carry on and expand her 'expertise' accrued from an unofficial Guide to the 1973 Scheme whilst confusingly attempting to 'learn on the job' about the new '92 Scheme and its enormous official HOC which was a monumental task well beyond Ms.Drinkall's and Mrs Lambert's capabilities which inevitably led to accumulative errors with the application of this 1973 scant 'expertise' to, for example, the 5 new types of pensions created under the new '92 Scheme.

150. Given this 'accident waiting to happen' Ms.Drinkall in plausible ignorance simply continued applying her questionable 'expertise' by substituting the new Official HOC without recourse to, or application of, the actual provisions of the new SI. In effect making it up as she went along.

151. Thus was born the first of many epic maladministrative failures which over time amassed into monumental errors whilst remembering that the Statutory duty and its legal liability for Ms.Drinkall's ineptitude rested entirely with the LCFB and in 1998 its emerging replacement the LCFA.

152. It is a correct assertion that from 1992 to 1998, not a single Officer at Principal Officer Rank [Asst Chief and above] was engaged in any manner in the supervision or oversight of the LCFB Firefighters Pension Fund or its delegated Scheme clerk Ms.Drinkall. Even though these senior Officers were exclusively Members of the LCFB Pension Fund. The Statutory fact remains that the Chief Fire Officer was the delegated LCFB Pension Fund Manager of which they were Members themselves!

153. Indeed most Officer Ranks trustingly held the ubiquitous view that Ms. Drinkall must know what she was doing when in fact she simply did not. Conversely the Lower Ranks who by far are the most adept at calculating their 'take home pay' took a more jaundiced view.

Putting a Firefighter into Retirement.

154. Before proceeding further it is important to illustrate how the administrative procedure of putting a Firefighter into Retirement should have been correctly implemented when a '92 Scheme Member was to be *transferred* from active Service to the LCFB Pension List.

155. A preliminary step for a potential Retiree Firefighter was a final medical examination by the Brigade Occupational Health Doctor who had at his disposal the entire medical records [including annual over-40 medicals] of the Firefighter; allied with this Doctor's required professional knowledge of the new Pension legislation as a Medical Examiner on the Fire Service Appeals Board.

156. The Doctor was from commencement clearly aware of the significant changes in the new '92 Pension Scheme including the new pension types, their nomenclature, and their application in respect of the revised Pensions to be awarded.

157. Firstly, the Doctor was tasked with determining what the percentage disability [0-100%], if any, a Retiree was suffering from at discharge which could become the subject of the issue of 'The Firefighters Pension Scheme Certificate of Permanent Disability' [CPD]. This Certificate in fact reflected not only his subsequent re-employability in the general labour market but also, if declared fully disabled [14%+], the DWP Disability Benefits which he/she was entitled to receive set against his/her percentage of disability. The LCFB Doctor routinely issued this CPD to the DWP.

158. This disability percentage ranged from 0%-13% for which no DWP Disability Benefits would be paid [although Allowances could] and from 14%-100% which DWP Disability Benefits would be paid and in a type and value to be decided by the DWP.

159. For example, in my case the Doctor working to this DWP Disability 'standard' reported that I was 5% disabled because of my hearing loss but effectively this meant that I was only re-employable for certain types of occupation but because of the low percentage of disability awarded I would not be entitled to DWP Disability Benefits, but this did not preclude the receipt of a small DWP *Allowance*, e.g., Reduced Earnings Income Allowance [REA]. A weak attempt to 'make up' the lost difference between a full wage and the subsequent reduced pension.

160. Secondly, still within this framework, and as a consequence of his first decision the Doctor was then tasked to recommend to the CFO what type of Pension(s) was to be awarded after this medical from a selection of 5 different types of pensions under Rules B1 to B5, some of which were *non-enhanced pensions* e.g., a Rule B1 *Ordinary Pension*; and yet others which were *fully enhanced pensions*, e.g., Rules B3 *ill-health*, and B4 *Injury*.

161. Obviously the Doctor's recommendation of the type of Pension[s] to be awarded by the CFO was set against the Firefighter's current physical discharge condition e.g.,

a time served [30 years], fit and well, Firefighter would normally be awarded a Rule B1 *Ordinary non-enhanced* pension ~ that is ~ 40/60ths of his APP of his last/best 3 years, with no entitlement to DWP Disability Benefits.

162. Conversely, a Firefighter compulsorily discharged suffering from *ill-health* [Rule B3], usually[but not always] as the consequences of a 'Qualifying' in Service injury [Rule B4], would normally be awarded *both pensions, an enhanced* Rule B3 ill-health Pension, *and* an enhanced Rule B4 Injury Pension which *could* amount to ~ 60/60ths of his APP, [but with entitlement to DWP Disability Benefits to be determined by the DWP.

The Growing Legacy of Ineptitude ~ A Benchmark of Errors.

163. Under the '92 Scheme, in my case which was not unique, the CFO compulsorily medically discharged me, awarding me a Rule B3 ill-health Pension [enhanced] *and* a Rule B4 Injury Pension [enhanced], *stipulated* by him in a discharge document presented to me.

164. When completing the remainder of the compulsory discharge documentation *immediately below* the CFO's lawful pensions determination [the legislative implications of which were lost on Ms.Drinkall], she then proceeded to apply her 1973 'expertise', whilst ignoring the CFO's decision, by wrongly calculating 40/60ths of my 'hypothetical' pension [which she calculated no less than 2 times] based on my APP over the preceding 3 'best years'.

165. In her first fundamental decision Ms.Drinkall wrongly ignored the CFO's decisions and treated my 1992 Rule B3 ill-health *enhanced pension* as a 1973 Rule B1 *Ordinary non-enhanced pension*. As though I had left voluntarily fit and well, or at my compulsory retirement age, instead of by compulsory ill-health discharge.

166. But how did this fundamental error occur?

In the HOC B3-2 & 3 under Heading "How much is the pension?". There were two 'flags' of guidance to Ms. Drinkall on how to count the 60ths to be applied in correctly calculating the envisaged hypothetical base pension pay:

Firstly in B3-2 [*my bold and italics*] :

"The sums are set out in Examples 1 and 4 to 7. The basis of the calculations is(*sic*) explained here. Firefighter's basic ill-health pension is never less than 1/60th of average pensionable pay (APP) and never more than 40/60ths (2/3rds) of APP, *or what could have been earned by compulsory retirement age.*".

Next, followed the simple principle of counting 60ths, namely 1/60th per year of Service up to 20 years and 2/60ths per year, or part year, thereafter; including *the addition* of 7/60ths enhancement, a recognition for Service being compulsory terminated by ill-health.

Secondly in B3-3:

(1) each day counts as 1/365th of a year even in a leap year.

(2) never more than 40/60ths of APP, “**or what you could have earned by your compulsory retirement age.**”.

167. Ms.Drinkall simply failed to read or to understand... “**or what could have...**”; “**or what you could have...**”. She seized on the 40/60ths, which she clearly recognised becoming fixated on it, to the exclusion and detriment of all else.

168. This guidance to Ms.Drinkall was repeated twice for emphasis and a further ‘flag’ pointed directly to the SI, Part III, Rule B3, Paragraph 5 (1) (a)...

“**Where, if the person had continued to serve until he could be required to retire of account of age, he would have become entitled to an ordinary pension or a short service (“the notional retirement pension”), and...**”, etc.

This did amount to 40/60ths, or an *unenanced* Rule B1 Ordinary Pension; but the SI in its inescapable actuarial mathematical logic confirms that any Firefighter who was compulsorily discharged with an ill-health pension **could not possibly have continued to serve; could not possibly reach the compulsory retirement age; could not possibly have earned further; and in any event simply did not ‘qualify’ for a 40/60ths non-enhanced Rule B1 Ordinary Pension; but was entitled to a correctly calculated Rule B3 ill-health enhanced pension and/or a Rule B4 enhanced pension set against the actual formulae provided, transcribing the appropriate values.**

169. In 1997 aged 54, at my Rank, with 33.51 pensionable years [Rule A7~34yrs], my 60ths amounted to 55/60ths which *included* an enhancement of 7/60ths for compulsory ill-health discharge.

Ms. Drinkall in wrongly applying *her 40/60ths calculation* to my hypothetical pension base salary left a debit of 15/60ths [25%] in favour of the LCFB/LCFA Pension Fund, to date.

170. A correctly calculated *final* pension payment was the starting point for every other accumulative pension calculation which followed. Thus if the base pension for payment was calculated wrongly then every other interrelated pension calculation based on this first calculation was also wrong, e.g.,

A Summary of Errors:

- Error ~ Calculation of my *final* base pension entitlement, 3 times [the record is 4];
- Error ~ Calculation of counting 60ths – not 40/60ths – but 55/60ths;
- Error ~ Calculation of Base Pension - paid 40/60ths, a Rule B1 Ordinary pension[fit and &well];
- Error ~ Calculation of Commutation;
- Error ~ Calculation ill-Health Pension;
- Error ~ Calculation of Injury Award;
- Error ~ Calculation of Gratuity Award;
- Error ~ Failure to include *pensionable* Long Service Award;
- Error ~ Failure to Index Link immediately – delayed for 2 years;
- Error ~ Failure to inform me of DWP, REA entitlement – delayed 2 years;
- Error ~ Incorrect Serps deduction implementation, years early.

171. It is difficult to contemplate in compounding these monumental errors what might have occurred had Ms.Drinkall attempted to *recognise, use, and apply the correct legislative*

provisions which the SI provided in its actuarial formulae at 'Schedule 2, Personal Awards, Parts III' [Rule B3] & IV [Rule B4] - to correctly calculate a Rule B3 ill-health [enhanced] pension and a Rule B4 Injury Award [enhanced] to arrive at the correct amounts to be put into payment as my pensions?

172. Ms.Drinkall set a benchmark by this dogged ineptitude for decades to come, which became over time malfescence, materially reducing the payment value of my Pensions, commencing on the 1st February 1997[26 years to date], simply benefitting the LCFB/LCFA Pension Fund which the CFO in honest ignorance routinely 'signed off' and which I and many hundreds of others in the LCFB/LCFA Pension Fund *in good faith ignorance* routinely accepted, and for which, to date, the LCFA remains liable.

173. Ms.Drinkall's then in unsupervised daily maladministration coupled with legislative ignorance established her own discriminatory 'pension law' and 'policies', e.g., Pension Fund Members injured and discharged from Service [enhanced pensions entitlement Rules B3/B4] were treated less equitably in law by her imposition of the same pension as those who left the Service with non-enhanced pensions Rule B1 Ordinary pensions of their own volition, fit and well.

Later in May 1995 Pension Fund Members were individually deceived into signing up to an "undertaking" procedure concerning DWP Disability Benefits which was entirely unlawful and thus Ms. Drinkall simply became a law unto herself.

174. As natural consequence of her unsupervised malfescence since 1992 Ms.Drinkall created a cavalier unchallengeable personal attitude within her own fiefdom which included routinely ignoring the CFO's decisions for which she earned the unfortunate sobriquet 'nasty nickers' for her lack of common good manners in dealing with polite pension enquiries from the Lower Ranks.

She became arrogantly dismissive at being asked difficult pension questions but these were to continue to come until this legacy bubble of ineptitude burst in 2006 after her retirement in 2002.

The Statutory Instruments Imposes Statutory Duties ~ 1992 – 1998 and Beyond.

175. In 1992 Ms.Drinkall was issued a copy of the newly published SI, accompanied by the bulky HOC in circumstances which raised serious questions about her 'expertise' and capability to move forward. Did she ever actually attempt to read the SI and, mores to the point, understand it? Given historically what subsequently occurred this is highly unlikely.

176. In its introduction, the HOC offers guidance, how this very large tome was to be used in pages [ii-xiii] including yet again in blocked type **[Important]...[Nothing in this Commentary can override the provisions of the Scheme or any other statutory provision to which reference is made].**

177. However, the HOC in its first major omission does not directly state the Statutory liabilities which are actually imposed on the LCFB [its successor LCFA] and by delegation to its daily ledger Pension Fund clerk, or those responsible at law for running this Scheme.

It rightly *assumes* the critical need for such clerks to be trained to read, understand, and accurately implement the provisions of the SI within which are exclusively found these Statutory

liabilities.

178. The First liability of the LCFB/LCFA Pension Fund clerks was accurate compliance with *all* the provisions of the 1992 Statutory Instrument No:129 which commenced at its enactment.

179. The Second liability of the LCFB/LCFA Pension Fund clerks from which all else flows is best summarised by quoting the actual 1992 SI No:129 which is to pay correct awards and pensions:

“Payment of Awards Part LI.-(1). *An award payable to or in respect of a person by reason of his having been employed as a regular firefighter is payable by the fire authority by whom he was last so employed.”.*

180. The Third liability of the LCFB/LCFA Pension Fund clerks is the essential liability to maintain an “account”:

“Expenses and receipts of fire authorities Part L.2. *Every fire authority shall maintain an account showing all sums received or paid by them under or for the purposes of this Scheme, or in consequence of rights acquired and obligations incurred by them under the 1973 Scheme and previous Firemen's Pension Schemes.”.*

This is not only the liability to pay all their Firefighters, regardless of rank, their due pensions, but **shall** [the word shall in law means an inviolable duty] generate and maintain “an account” which was a daily ledger of amendments by its Pension Fund clerks.

In other words balance the LCFB/LCFA Pension Fund books and be prepared to give a full accounting when demanded by its Membership, or any other lawful authority.

181. The Fourth liability of the LCFB/LCFA Pension Fund clerks is the prevention of Duplication under Part L4-1 [paying twice for the same Award] by ensuring that “formal arrangements” were to be put in place with other interacting agencies, namely the DWP and the LCC Pension Providers from commencement in 1992 to date, to ensure that *individual audit information*, particularly in respect of DWP Disability Benefits, is automatically exchanged.

182. The SI does not stipulate how the LCFB/LCFA were to pragmatically achieve these ‘formal arrangements’ in attempting to fulfil its daily ledger “account” liability nor in good audit practice by extension to record them in Fund Members PRFs where DWP Disability Benefits were supposed to be individually recorded.

183. For example, firstly when the DWP puts an SI specified deductible DWP Disability Benefit into payment it is paid *directly* to the authorised recipients and the other interested agencies are immediately informed, e.g., LCFB/LCFA , LCC Pension Providers, [Benefits are specified in the SI, Part 5 Rule B4 ~ not all Benefits/Allowances are deductible].

Secondly, the LCFB/LCFA should then prevent ‘Duplication’ by paying a *deducted* Injury Award *directly* to its authorised Firefighters via its LCC Pension Providers. The Statutory audit duty and required accounting ‘paper trail’ are abundantly clear.

184. In summary to guard against such a likely occurrence, in a complex transaction, the SI continued to require that the LCFB/LCFA as the *ultimate* Statutory Authority in maintaining a balanced “account”, *had to have in place* a series of “formal arrangement”(s) for the notification

of DWP Disability Benefit payments between the DWP, the LCFB/LCFA, the LCC Pension Providers and the disabled Firefighter whereby when an SI specified DWP Benefit was put into payment or updated by the DWP, the LCFB/LCFA and the LCC would automatically be notified by the DWP and the LCFB/LCFA was then *required* to deduct that element from a Firefighter's Injury Award and inform its LCC Pension Provider prior to payment, *whilst retaining a ledger record in their maintained "account"* which in good audit practice demanded, by extension, that it would also be duplicated into a Fund Member's Personal Record File[PRF].

185. It is a matter of fact and common ground that when the SI was implemented in 1992 that Ms.Drinkall did not make any such "formal arrangement"(s) with either the DWP or indeed its LCC Pension Providers and as a consequence she unable to retain or maintain an accurate Statutory DWP Disability Benefit payment record, in either the LCFB required Statutory "account", or within a Fund Member's individual PRF which, as the lack of records subsequently confirmed, she also failed to update even though she had without doubt been informed by individual Pension Fund Members of DWP Disability Benefit payments and/or changes. Nor indeed did the LCFA either when in 1998 it took over this Statutory duty.

186. In 1995, three years after the enactment of the SI when the initial surge of Firefighters had already gone into retirement under this new Pension Scheme, Ms. Drinkall in the light of having failed her Statutory liability to make 'formal arrangements' with these other agencies and with mounting evidence of DWP Disability Benefit payment errors accruing decided 'to plug the legal gap' by making up her own law.

187. In May 1995 Ms. Drinkall authored an unofficial, unauthorised, and unlawful amendment to an LCFB Brigade Order entitled "Lancashire County Fire Brigade, Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1992, Part 5 Rule B4 Injury Awards". [Ref - EJD/AM/Injury] fraudulently purporting it to be the Statute Law.

188. In the main this two page document was a direct rehearsal of the SI but she put an addendum to Page 2 fraudulently purporting that this came with the legislative effect of the SI and under the imprimatur of the Chief Fire Officer which it did not. Ms. Drinkall then rather inanely added her own Reference "EJD/AM/Injury May 1995" at the bottom.

189. In effect without consulting the Pension Fund Membership Ms. Drinkall deliberately passed *her* Statutory liability onto the trusting Members of the Firefighters Pension Fund without their knowledge, without them individually giving fully informed consent, in a gross breach of good faith.

190. The SI does not make *provision of any legal liability in Law* for a Pension Fund Member, of a properly constituted Pension Fund under this SI, to be forced to assist or otherwise engage in discharging the LCFB/LCFA's Statutory duty *to maintain its pension "account"*.

191. Flying in the face of the law Ms.Drinkall, in the avoidance of tedious daily ledger work and in a gross breach of good faith with LCFB/LCFA disabled Firefighters, contemptuously and indolently tricked her Pension Fund Members from 1995 into 'signing up' to this so called

'undertaking' which was cynical manipulation designed to provide her with a perpetual defence that any failure on her part to fulfil her Statutory liabilities could be laid at the feet of trusting disabled Firefighters.

192. In the 3 year period from 1992 until 1995 no Pension Fund Members were asked to sign this unlawful 'undertaking' because it simply did not exist.

193. From 1995 some Members were asked to and did unwittingly in trusting ignorance 'sign up' to keep her informed when a Member began to receive a DWP Disability Benefit, or when changes to a DWP Disability Benefit's value occurred. Conversely as the post 1998 LCFB/LCFA records show an indeterminate number were not asked; did not understand what the purpose of the 'undertaking' was; what it was meant to do; or took offence that their honesty was being impugned?

194. This entire web of chicanery was posited on Ms. Drinkall following through by recording any significant information supplied to her, which ought to have been passed onto her LCC Pension Providers; entered into her daily ledger "account"; and thence duplicated in the Member's PRF, all of which, as the lack of PRF records confirm, she and subsequently the LCFA signally failed to do.

195. There is unambiguous evidence that even though Ms.Drinkall and her replacement at the LCFA *had been informed* by some of significant DWP Disability Benefit changes [*as their contemporaneous records confirm*] she/LCFA did not deduct[if required] or inform the LCC her Pension Providers; nor did she/LCFA record the information supplied in the daily ledger of her/LCFA Pension Fund "account"; neither did she/LCFA enter this vital information into a Member's PRF either.

196. This was a lawless lazy clerk's charter of abrogation of the LCFB/Ms.Drinkall's liability but it was also an unlawful denial of the LCFB and its successor the LCFA's Statutory liabilities.

197. If this was not bad enough it had been Ms.Drinkall and Mrs. Lambert's[LCC] *lawful* practice from 1992 until 1998 to ring up their contact at the DWP Job Centre Plus Preston seeking DWP Disability Benefit information on an individual disabled Firefighter but after the enactment of the 1998 Data Protection Act such 'under the counter' practices immediately became *unlawful*.

198. Not that this enactment seemed to concern either Ms.Drinkall or Mrs. Lambert , the DWP, the LCC, and now the LCFA in the slightest because these unlawful repetitions continued until 2008 when the DWP Permanent Secretary ceased their collective unlawful practices.

199. On 24th September 2008 Sir Leigh Lewis Permanent Secretary DWP wrote the following in clarification to the LCC ['Your Pension Service'], the LCFA's Pension Providers.

E.Todd to LCC [Ref DWP14]

"No such formal arrangement has been entered into with Lancashire County Council."

N.B. Note the careful use of words 'formal arrangement'.

TMB/Correspondence/ Year 11 ~ PB03211 DWP from Ms E Todd REA not deductible from Injury award; X Ref to PB01212;
TMB/Correspondence/Year 11 ~ PB03411 DWP Letter to Sir Robert J. Deveroux KCB, DWP Permanent Secretary; Ref REA;
TMB/Correspondence/Year 12 ~ PB01212 REA Time Line history from inception.

200. Later we shall see how the new LCFA when taking office in 1998 also failed through legislative ignorance to refresh or set up these Statutory triumvirate “formal arrangements” but when their major errors became public knowledge in 2006 the LCFA then attempted, as predicted, in a cover-up ‘blame game’ by fraudulently attempting to pass *their failures of Statutory liabilities*, onto the victims by claiming they had failed this unlawful ‘undertaking’ whilst knowing that the Members of the LCFA Pension Fund did not have such a liability.

201. Astonishingly the LCFA were also completely unaware that upon attaining the age of 65 disabled Firefighters’ entitlement to DWP Disability Benefits ceased.

202. So it is worth repeating the SI does not make *provision of any legal liability in Law* for a Pension Fund Member, of a Pension Fund properly constituted under this SI, to force, assist or otherwise engage in discharging the LCFB/LCFA’s duty *to maintain its pension “account”*.

203. In taking the predictable action they did, i.e., blaming the victim, the LCFA knowingly acted in corruption, with patent mendacity, and unlawfully in a spirit of unbridled fraudulence.

204. This led to a truly bizarre situation in the LCFA pension wonderland of blind trusting good faith where only the ‘Seer’ Ms.Drinkall, who seemed to senior management [who could not possibly know] that she knew what she was doing and thus she became unchallengeable on the simple basis that after all these years as a pensions clerk surely she was up to the job and could not be in error?

205. Confusingly in 1998 the new LCFA after creating its own Pension Scheme then decided during a transitional period which followed that the LCC should continue to provide by Contract its ‘Pension Services’ to the LCFA until, after joint agreement, the LCC would then create a new venture called ‘Your Pension Service’ which became the LCFA’s Contracted Pension Providers.

206. At this point there were now 4 elements involved in the provision of pensions to the LCFA Pension Fund Members.

The LCC Pensions Services ~ then the new LCC ‘Your Pension Service’ ~ the DWP who paid out legitimate Disability Benefits *directly* to the LCFA Pension Fund Members ~ and the LCFA Pension Fund who also paid out pensions via their Pension Provider ‘Your Pension Service’ *directly* to its Pension fund Members without carrying out any ‘Duplication’ deductions.

207. This was the genesis for a complete administrative meltdown.

But before looking at this spectacular collapse which ran from 2006 to 2011 it is important to set the LCFA ‘Stage’ and the ‘Players’ on it from 1998, to date.

Lancashire's Corrupt Leadership and the LCFA

208. The LCFA, formed in 1998, was a politically opportunistic organisation created by the gerrymandering of local Labour MP Mr. Jack Straw for Blackburn to capture the growing local ethnic votes for his personal political aggrandisement.

209. The resultant hybrid combination of 3 Local Authorities was a politically excessive polyglot organisation of 25 corrupt Councillors of all Parties, or none ~ top to bottom.

210. It is never good practice to use hyperbole in casting an opinion to the wind in the case of corrupt politicians in Lancashire. Indeed Lancashire politicians provide their own hyperbole much better than any observer can, by their corrupt actions, which exceeds any honest Lancastrian Elector's expectation of decency. It is simply an open sewer of corruption.

211. There is a great fair minded expression among Lancastrians that you 'speak as you find'. Sadly that is no longer the case because over the years it has become increasingly difficult to speak fair mindedly, such is the endemic level of corruption in Lancashire politicians. Politicians have been ubiquitously described as someone who will send you son to war, but never their own.

212. So it is best to begin looking at current corrupt leadership in Lancashire after the era of the Democratic Lady Leaders [All Parties] headed up by Dame Louise Ellman DBE and how it all changed under the Conservative Leadership of Mr. Geoff Driver CBE commencing in 2005.

213. County Councillor G. Driver CBE [Freemason] Conservative LCC Leader.

In May 2011 the LCC [in-house] whistle-blowers reported financial irregularities to the Chief Constable Finnegan citing a £5mil fleet maintenance Contract between BT Connect and the LCC. CC.Driver [my councillor] who along with 2 others of the LCC staff and a BT Executive were arrested and then bailed until Operation 'Sheridan' finally commenced in 2013 after preliminary investigation and continued at the cost of £3mil until 2016 when they were all exonerated?

214. Following a storm of in-house finger pointing and the production of further supporting evidence from the whistle-blowers the investigation re-commenced in 2017 and in early 2022, CC. Driver plus his 3 associates were re-arrested. CC.Driver in particular being charged with Perverting the Course of Justice, Witness Intimidation, and Misconduct in Public Office with a Court Hearing set in Liverpool in October 2022 costs having by now risen to £5mil+ with CC. Driver surely the Guinness bail record holder for the longest time in the UK at 9 years, and counting!

215. This is a perfect example of LCFA Clerk to the Fire Authority Mr. M. Winterbottom [a solicitor] pulling out all the stops to rescue his Lancashire 'Brethren in distress' using the 'withering on the vine' and 'stone walling' techniques, but principally using fellow Freemason Brethren Chief Constables Finnegan and then Rhodes in March 2017.

216. However the County Hall natives continued to be unhappy and this great cover up imploded and then ran out of Winterbottom's control. A notable failure on his watch but a prime example of very common techniques used in corrupt Freemasonry to protect *their* criminally guilty.

217. County Councillor Mr. D.O'Toole[Freemason] Conservative LCFA Chair.

By contrast in June 2014 a group of Fire Service Veterans[FSV] became interested in the activities of CC.O'Toole and made several Freedom of Information Requests seeking copies of O'Toole's official mileage claims between his Ormskirk home and his bases at County Hall and the nearby LFRS HQ.

After repeated refusals by Lee Gardiner [Freemason], the LCFA Data Protection Manager, was overridden by the intervention of the Information Commissioner [Canadian- Elizabeth Denham] and they subsequently received 80 copies of Claims for a 13.5 year period.

218. From analyses, including rerunning the routes taken using the AA Mileage calculator which the LCC/LCFA use as the official reimbursable mileage claim calculator, it became clear that CC O'Toole had persistently and fraudulently over claimed £42,106.64 over 13.5 year period and the matter was reported to the Chief Constable Finnegan whence after an ersatz investigation by an amusing Detective Sergeant Pearson [Freemason] which took place over a 6 months period, concluding with a bizarre written statement that CC O'Toole was such a paragon of integrity and virtue that the Taxpayers actually owed him money!

219. Such is the Alice-in-Wonderland of the Lancashire Constabulary demonstrating a partly successful mission by Brothers Winterbottom, Finnegan, Rhodes, and O'Toole. But there is no Statute of Limitations on a crime.

220. County Councillor Mr. F.de Molfetta [Freemason] Labour LCFA Chair.

On 1st November 2016 after gathering substantial evidence over an extended period of time I formally impeached de Molfetta [a former resident of Sicily ~ yes that Mafia] for Perverting the Course of Justice and corrupt Misconduct in Public Office.

221. The documentation containing 20 detailed specific charges was hand delivered to County Hall and a written acknowledgement was received from the Labour Leader CC Mrs Jennifer Mein [still serving] who continues to be a County Councillor of the LCFA as Vice Chair of Resources.

222. Documentation was duplicated and again hand delivered to CEO Ms. Jo Turton and Deputy County Solicitor Mr. Ian Young who both had a Statutory duty to investigate and report back to the full Council. Both acknowledged receipt but in Turton's case almost immediately afterwards she was publicly sacked with a large payoff.

223. In the eventuality, there was no perceptible conclusion reached by the LCC, or CC Mein, even though as a local leading member of CAFOD [and an immediate neighbour] one would assume integrity? Nevertheless she continues to sit on the LCC/LCFA with de Molfetta.

224. County Councillor Peter Britcliffe Conservative LCFA Elected Member [Freemason].
Now to bring Public corruption in Lancashire up to date.

On the 9th February 2018 in the Bugler in Current Affairs Volume 24 I reported on the 'activities' of Britcliffe LCFA Elected Member under the well-deserved title of 'Messiah of Sleaze'.

This is a particularly fine example of how Winterbottom's Freemasons of Lancashire were mobilised after receiving the standard 'Freemason in Distress' message from Britcliffe. Britcliffe had little to do but sit back and do as he was told and all would be well. Criminality never seems to be an issue when exercising such a 'distress' mechanism but denial of Justice is another matter.

225. Whilst Winterbottom and Britcliffe may well have celebrated at the Temple they publicly highlighted the dark Satanic ambiance which exists and festers within the Lancashire Freemasonry movement and nationwide. As decent law abiding democratic Citizen/Electors we are all inevitably associated with, and diminished by, such criminality?

226. Britcliffe has been a Conservative councillor since 1984 principally at the East Lancashire Hyndburn Borough Council. In 2017 during his Mayoral year 3 young men between the ages 18 -19 publicly reported him to the Chief Constable Rhodes for 'awful' sex offences.

227. Britcliffe was formerly a primary school and special needs teacher but it was not made clear by Rhodes who handled these complainants and their complaints whether these alleged offences occurred during the period when they were passing through the primary school, or at the special needs school, under Britcliffe's tutelage?

228. In the event Britcliffe was neither arrested by Rhodes nor charged by the CPS and it seems the whole issue under the Rhodes's control just faded away. It should not be assumed that a cold case review might not take place under an *honest* CC and Police Commissioner.

229. Presuming no malice, it should not be forgotten that 3 trusting young men summoned up the personal courage to report their alleged childhood 'experiences' with Britcliffe to Rhodes with the expectation of fair play and Justice but as was expected the cover up was a complete whitewash. As a society we are all diminished by such barefaced corruption.

230. In 1987 Britcliffe was elected as a Conservative County Councillor and currently serves on the LCFA. In May 2022 Britcliffe was elected titular Chairman of the LCC and though he twice stood for Parliament unsuccessfully his daughter Ms. Sara Britcliffe MP sits as Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party holding the Youth Portfolio.
Britcliffe informs us he spends his free time in Spain no doubt admiring the youthful bronzed bodies on the beach...

231. Is it little wonder that with such rampant and publicly visible corruption in this Lancashire open sewer of decadence that decent LCC/LCFA employees' morale is at rock bottom? Unfortunately the minor criminal elements within these local authority staff will continue to draw

'encouragement' from their 'Leaders' corrupt disgraceful examples and behave in a like manner.

The LFRS Motely Crew ~ 1999 and Beyond

232. Chief Fire Officer Mr. Peter Holland [Freemason].

233. In July 1999 Mr Peter Holland was appointed the new CFO of the LFRS. He came from Bedfordshire and in the period that followed between 1999 and 2011. Mr. Holland seemed to have an expansionist agenda at a time of austerity where his priority seemed to be supplementing and promoting the existing 'family' of Brethren in Lancashire.

234. Holland automatically became the delegated Statutory Lancashire Firefighters Pension Fund manager and thus his first Statutory duty required him to promptly review and consider the 'health' of the Scheme under his jurisdiction; a regulatory requirement of 'The Pensions Regulator'.

An action which ought then to have been reflected in his subsequent HR appointments of accomplished sub-delegated Fund managers, or pension clerks, though it seemed his predilections lay elsewhere.

235. The unfortunate Ms. Drinkall MBE retired in 2002 and oddly these new additional clerks appointed in 2002 were in the main recruited via the Probationary Service in Preston where Holland appeared to spend an inordinate amount of time with its local Service Director.

236. This LFRS expansionist period in both senior civilian clerks and senior uniformed staff has internally been described as 'jobs for the well paid boys' which included an exponential growth in creating new civilian posts and departments e.g., the first ever in-house solicitor [excluding the Clerk to the LCFA]; and a new department of Human Resources [HR], vacancies which were never announced, advertised, or published under Equal Opportunity Law.

237. It is reasonable to assume that Ms.Drinkall's legacy of ineptitude and faux competence had been exposed by this new broom Holland who with his new HR staffed by competent experienced clerks would, after completing a total review of all matters HR, particularly the Firefighters' Pension Fund, ought then to have set new 'standards' to rebuild Members confidence in their Fund moving it from a position of 'afterthought' to pre-eminence.

238. There are aspirations and there is the achieved reality by appointing those most likely to achieve these aspirations. Unfortunately in the case of the Pension Fund neither experienced nor dedicated pension clerks were appointed to restore confidence in its management.

239. In fact perversely the management went from bad to worse with the influx of these new civilian clerks of whom not a single one had even a casual knowledge of pensions, their management, or the competence to raise the 'standards' left by Ms.Drinkall MBE. Once more the Firefighters' Pensions Fund was consigned to the role of 'Cinderella' at HR.

240. However without doubt Holland did set a new 'standard' throughout his tenure of office by many of his antics which culminated in his and his companion's arrest on Blackpool promenade

in a car with a female member of his staff by a Special Constable who was connected with a uniformed member of the LFRS.

They were both taken to Blackpool Central Police Station where their fingerprints and DNA were recorded and where they then received a 'Caution' [A Criminal Record] from the Duty Inspector for committing a 'lewd' act in a public place.

Naturally the whole flagrante delicto was covered up but not before more evidence of Misconduct in Public Office emerged.

241. A young Watch Commander at the largest Station in Lancashire very unusually [one should assume Freemason] called the CFO *direct* and sought advice from him how he should proceed on a delicate matter?

It seems a short time before he had taken a call from the young son of the LFRS Visual Aids manager who complained that if Holland did not cease importuning his mother he would go to the media. Holland ordered the Watch Commander just to log it online as a standard complaint but once more the matter never came before Public scrutiny in spite of initiated FOIA Applications.

242. Today in such criminal matters Holland's gross misconducts would be simply be reported in the media as that of a sexual predator who should have been under arrest and on bail.

243. Ironically as Firefighters know there is no smoke without fire and further down the 'sharp practice road' anecdotal evidence surfaced that when the fleet of LCFA service cars and vans became due for replacement Holland promptly became the proud owner of a new BMW X series car from the same supplier which became the subject of discord within his Principal Officers. Now whether this discord was envy based or because of the unfair division of spoils is difficult to determine.

244. When pension time came in 2011 Holland engaged in the brass necked deceit of the Lancashire Electorate with the corrupt assistance of Conservative CC.David O'Toole and not unexpectedly Labour CC F.de Molfetta the LCFA leader when Holland double dipped his Pension No:1 of £425K, when he was reappointed the following day with a salary of £75k Pension No:2, claiming he had saved the Taxpayers thousands of £££?

Taxpayer might want to know why they had to pay Holland £425k before he started saving them money?

Whilst not unlawful, Conservative Minister Eric Pickles [DCLG] immediately banned the practice stating it was sharp practice.

Presently, Holland is well on his way to his triple pension dip No:3 as we shall see.

245. Holland currently is Prime Minister Sunak's government Chief Inspector at the Crown Premises Fire Safety Inspectorate UK since 2017 based in the Fire Directorate at the Home Office. He is responsible for fire safety enforcement in 16,000 Crown premises, which are on 10,000 sites. However in spite of these Public appointments no government organisation has ever answered the simple question did Holland declare on his Application form [if he ever had one] that he had a criminal record?

246. On this happy ship Holland next fell foul of himself again over another female member of staff and one of his Asst Chiefs who had given her a reference though it is not clear for what? In the event Holland countermanded the Reference and extraordinarily it all went to Civil Court where astonishingly the Court found for the Assistant with a 6 figure of compensation mentioned for ruffled feathers.

247. Naturally the Assistant's career ceased forthwith and he found himself blackballed at the Temple[thus confirming that Freemasons are human and do fall out] but after his retirement the Assistant was 'rehabilitated' by being given the task by the Brethren of spying on my lawful activities representing disabled Firefighters and their Beneficiaries...

248. Having served under 9 CFOs in different Brigades Holland was by any standard an extremely poor CFO. He did not actually take *command* of the LFRS being content to allow Winterbottom to do that for him meantime importing every Tom, Dick, and Harry to be his administrators who consistently were mirror images of himself, totally lacking in integrity or morality of any description, more sleaze.

Clearly Holland was simply satisfied with his nefarious extracurricular activities.

249. I met regularly and knew Sir Kenneth Holland who was Holland's father at the HO Fire Service College who was not only Her Majesty Chief Inspector of the Fire Service but was also a lifetime member of the Leyland Lancashire Masonic Temple where for a long period I was the local Fire Station Commander. Sir Kenneth was well thought of...

250. Next we must listen to a murmur of unimaginative solicitors. The first of a few in-house low calibre amateur LFRS solicitors starting with current part-time Clerk to the LCFA Mr.M.Nolan [Freemason] Solicitor on the Rolls.

251. Mr. Nolan an undeclared gay person filled another unadvertised 'part-time appointment' under Equality Laws to replace Mr. Max Winterbottom [Senior Lancashire Freemason] Solicitor, Clerk to the LCFA who 'retired' in October 2015 to the darker places of Freemasonry and to set up a commercial fishery on the banks of the River Lune at Lancaster.

I researched and presented an interesting piece on Nolan's arrival in the Bugler in 'Current Affairs Volume 13, 20th December 2015 asking him to answer 10 simple Questions about his 'appointment' which of course he never did ...

252. Because he seemed rather vexed at my disclosures of his publicised hard core homosexual activities and other dubious activities concerning Pope Benedict XVI he sought refuge with a fellow Freemason the Chief Constable who, in a gross abuse of his authority, ordered two separate late night visitations 2x2 Police Constables to be made to my home to offer me 'advice'. Naturally I sympathetically refused to allow them to proffer me any 'advice' and on both occasions I politely threw them out and escorted them off my property to the front gate much to their relief.

253. Nolan continues in LCFA part-time office [though employed full time at the Stockport Metropolitan B.C.] regularly monitoring my lawful activities on the Morning Bugler whilst he uses various easily identifiable proxies for which employment he makes and receives undeclared tax free expenses claimed as payments from the LCFA.

254. Mr.A.Harold. [Freemason] Solicitor on the Rolls. Appointed 2007 without advertisement under Equal Opportunity Law.

Harold was reported in the Manchester Evening News for trying to browbeat a Town Hall based traffic warden out of a parking ticket for using a *disabled parking bay at the Salford Town Hall* where Harold worked unlawfully on his days off as a constitutionally disbarred Ward Councillor [£15k pa]. Later I received an unsolicited “nice one!” from the head of the local Tory Party. Harold regularly booked absences on sick leave due to stress at work ~ he sweats a lot ~ finally leaving the LFRS in 2016. Still listed on the Solicitors Rolls, lives in Manchester.

255. Just before he resigned, under a Court Order for Discovery he finally released 362 randomised and censored secret internal emails including various titles e.g., “P.Burns strictly confidential, not for circulating”., which he thrust through my letter box 1 minute before Court closure time on the Order.

256. These carefully censored internal emails e.g., there is no reference to Hamilton and Wisdom’s brutality used in choreographed FSV ‘interviews’, giving a striking and sometimes amusing insight into the panicked pandemonium and chicanery engaged in by all those involved whose future employment and personal freedom was and remains, at risk. In particular Warren when at breaking point, which was quite regularly, uses uninhibited colourful language which paints the picture of his vicious mendacity much better than any mere Firefighter might achieve.

257. LFRS head clerk Mr. R. Warren [Freemason].

Appointed in April 2002 by Holland to be the Director of People and Development [Salary 103k+ the salary growing with the length of the title] which included becoming the sub-delegated Pension Fund clerk. Warren had no prior direct Pension Scheme management, experience, knowledge, or qualification though he claimed so. It appears liars have standards to maintain.

258. A clerk who came from British Rail Northwest-Manchester Piccadilly claiming to be head of HR who anecdotally came under a cloud of ‘jumping ship before pushed’ apparently leaving trade union industrial relations at BR in the most parlous state they had been in for decades.

As events were to confirm at Lancashire Warren clearly had a seminal dislike for trade unionists indeed the human rights of any trade union workforce placed under his control though paradoxically a large number of them, 100+, were Freemasons like himself.

259. As the pressure mounted, including from these Freemasons, over the malfeasance of their Pension Fund for which he was directly responsible, Warren creaked under load. His natural inclination is towards criminality which he advanced to on the 5th October 2009 in an early released email which became his personal mantra and the ethos within which he would fight for the survival of his own employment and personal freedom.

On Page 5 of this email under the sub-heading “Individuals engaging with the Service” he states...

“Engagement will continue and legal proceedings will be actioned as a last resort. It is hoped that after the initial case has been resolved [The Bugler] a change in response will be seen. In addition 3 of the cases are at a very early stage due to late information

from the DWP and it is to be hoped to persuade the individuals of an appropriate resolution, potentially using the hardship route if this is necessary.”.

Warren was both the author and enthusiastic implementer of this “hardship route”, a secret LCFA policy which unhesitatingly used Hamilton/Wisdom’s inhuman brutality of every description on those they presumed guilty including Widows and Beneficiaries.

260. Warren was that brainlessly insensitive to those around him in uniform that he did not realise that after his inhumanity to DW and his Widow in 2007, which included him saying that the LCFA had been “too generous”, he created his and Hamilton’s Nemesis unwittingly generating the “change in response” he desired, as he began to feel the full weight of personal animosity from the Firefighter Brethren through their Temples which would end his power over others in uniform as they all closed ranks and commenced to make his life untenable to the point he was ordered to stop this pension pogrom on ‘the family’ by Winterbottom Leader of the Brethren in Lancashire because Warren was in over his head.

261. Hamilton, as we shall see, as the ‘loose cannon on the deck’ carried the full brunt of Warren’s created storm simply demonstrating Warren’s disposal technique when it came to the ‘blame game’ and his ‘colleagues’.

262. Naturally I became the special focus of Warren’s spleen reflected in a notable email on 21st July 2008...

“I did say I had drawn a line at Burns being involved, which Steve [FBU Lancashire Secretary-and Freemason] quickly accepted. David [CC O’Toole] seemed to like this development”;

“CC O’Toole accepted at this point that it might be better to leave Burns out of the equation, especially when I added in my view he has made up his role as representative of the FSV[Fire Service Veterans] and his view is not shared by Thompsons and FBU.”;

“I agreed we had to have a resolution if leaving him without his pension was not an option.”.

“ David said he had expected him, when confronted with the information about his benefits to show the lies that have been presented to help CC.O’Toole’ to withdraw, I agreed but expressed the view that he was a wounded animal and these were his last throes”.”.

“I undertook to provide a synopsis for any future meeting that is arranged of the contradictions and alterations in Burns position (with a view to the document or a separate document finding its way to CC Driver[Conservative LCC Leader] to show the lies that have been presented to help CC O’Toole’s position – I did not say this to David).”.

“I am mindful that this is tricky territory but an agreed Service/CFA position might be useful to then follow up with Thomsons/FBU/Individuals. Also if email does arrive from David then need to consider whether to extend invite to Audit Commission (NFI) and LCC representatives both pensions and legal. Bob”.

263. Titles ~ At an early point Warren childishly challenged my use of the descriptor ‘Fire Service Veterans’ [FSV], a description introduced by PM Blair with a lapel decoration, which of

course we had to buy! He also challenged my voluntary role in representation such was the level of his ignorance of Service matters.

264. Representation ~ In June 2007 The first of many appeals for assistance were made at my wife Jill's Service funeral. Jill, my wife of 37 years, who was unique for her generation because she was a retired senior ranking Officer in the LCFB in her own right - hence her Service funeral.

265. In June 2007 I had been approached for assistance principally by compulsorily retired disabled FSVs, my former colleagues/subordinates and their Widows, who had concerns about their pensions and the DWP Disability Benefits administration at the LCFA.

Ironically I was approached by these disabled Firefighters/Freemasons to provide leadership and a voice for their concerns to the LCFA who consistently failed to listen, or dialogue, and continued unwisely to support the inflexible public position they had adopted of imposing unlawful repayment without any explanation of how all this debacle had arisen in the first place?

266. It appeared that in late 2006 200+/- disabled Lancashire Firefighters and their Beneficiaries, including a significantly high proportion of Freemasons, were baselessly accused of having knowingly received DWP Disability pension 'overpayments' since their compulsory retirements. According to Hamilton this amounted to a collective pipe dream value of over £1mil because it was alleged, by these unqualified clerks/managers, that they had failed to inform the LCFA of material changes of personal circumstances affecting their DWP Disability Benefits though *in all cases* there was no Statutory duty for them to do so.

267. In 2008 almost without exception these disabled Firefighters were able to produce their own contemporaneous records which the LCFA, the LCC -'Your Pension Service', and the DWP were unable to match. The disabled Firefighters insisting that they *had* voluntarily and routinely informed these authorities of these changes to which there was no explanatory response.

268. In February 2008 Warren received a warning shot across his bows as we will hear from a retired senior Officer FSV-BB[Freemason] accused of receiving 'overpayments' but it took until 2010 before Warren was reined in after unusually putting himself in danger of being sacked.

269. So the pogrom continued and on or about 27th January 2010 Warren in a conspiracy with a Freemason at the office of the National Fraud Initiative obtained the password to the national NFI database and took a screen shot of the results of a search of my 'subject data'. The NFI were rightly appalled at this action and asked the LCFA/Warren for an explanation of his criminal act.

270. In a 'putting their excuses together', a 6 page email 27th January 2010, a letter was drafted for Warren by a Mr. Barry Ardis [Freemason] Senior Audit Assistant County Hall Preston Lancs and approved by the LCC County Solicitor Mr. Ian Young[Freemason]; Mr Keith Mattinson[Freemason LCFA, and Mrs Diane Lister LCC Head of Pensions.

271. Warren on behalf of the LCFA replied in this email to the NFI in explanation for his criminal conspiracy:

...

“The screen print was obtained by one of the users who has access to the NFI pension results and this was forwarded in hard copy format to the Director of People and Development [Warren]”. [Falsehood]

“We are aware that the information from the NFI website should not have been released in this way and will endeavour to ensure this is not repeated”.

Note how Warren shares his criminal responsibility by the use of the collective noun ‘we’ by locking in on paper his colleagues’ ‘approval’ for his personal criminal act. This is another well-practised black art he uses perpetually at the LCFA. The word ‘moral’ never appears in his personal lexicon.

272. A narcissist by inclination whose self-love was only exceeded by his love of manipulative power which became palpable when he was challenged about his lack of integrity confirmed by the rising scale of his ritualised and manipulated mendacity the nearer one got to the truth. He completed every Service letter with a ritualised threat to the recipient dependent on who he was writing to and became vexed when I regularly sent letters by hand past him to the Chief Fire Officer and in mass communications by hand to all Elected Members none of whom could later deny knowledge of all these circumstances.

273. Warren insisted that all correspondence was to be sent directly to him without exception and by this methodology he took complete control of all the internal communications in respect of his pension debacle. His dissimulation of this information amounted to complete control of the content and extent he ‘shared’ with entirely bovine Elected Members of the LCFA who were totally happy with this arrangement, but ignorance of the law is no excuse.

274. A fascinating specimen whose self-survival instincts were driven of necessity by his self-protective need to collect, collate, and use acquired LFRS corrupt secrets against those of his politicians, colleagues and staff when their usefulness came to an end. When he got on “tricky ground”, as he describes it, he never makes direct statements of personal decision making, but always attributes authorship and alludes the decision making to a third party. This clerk forgets that one fine day his tradeable assets will no longer be tradeable.

275. This clerk, a man of mystery, who over the years, publically declares a ‘flexible’ biography dependent on who was looking, or asking. Originally he stated he was the Director for HR at Bournemouth College of Further Education and on other occasions stating he was Director for HR at British Rail Northwest which makes one wonder what he is doing at the trivial LCFA? Currently he states that he has always been a Mancunian who currently lives in Stockport but who is without doubt someone who brought manipulative mendacity to an art form at his power grab zenith which is now past.

Attributes as a Member, I was usually more familiar with from Applicants to the Parole Board.

I once wrote after a Discipline Investigation... ‘we will hear from this man again’...and I did...and in Warren’s case... we will.

276. Mr B.Hamilton [Freemason]. Appointed Head of Human Resources April 2002.

Who comes from the mixed tribal backgrounds of Northern Ireland who colloquially became known to the 'troops' as 'Brendan the Barbarian' and not without justification exemplified by his 'performance' supported by Wisdom when carrying out 'interviews' with disabled Firefighters and their wives whom they had decided were plainly fraudsters rather like himself. An 'interview' with FSV~DA and his wife formally records their 'experience' in 'Lancashire Pastoral Care' ~ A Chapter in the Bugler.

277. A clerk with form who came from the Probation Service at Trafford Park Manchester. A female informant there stated he was another who 'jumped ship before he was pushed' leaving under a cloud involving bullying and harassment of female co-workers which ultimately required his resignation as an alternative to dismissal carried out under a curious Non-Disclosure Agreement an arrangement later confirmed by their Probation Service solicitor.

278. Hamilton had no pension scheme management, experience, knowledge, or qualification though he was designated as the delegate to the delegated Pension Fund manager Warren and by June 2009 was supposedly in charge of the 2006 pension 'overpayments' debacle with Wisdom when the Drinkall bubble finally burst.

279. Later he was to be literally frogmarched from the LFRS HQ by an Asst Chief with 2 years salary in his back pocket [£150k the price for his obmutescence] following a serious racist incident with a black female nurse at the LFRS Occupational Health Department at SHQ.

280. This was the excuse needed by Winterbottom/Warren to dump his 'deputy' who was producing more waves than Warren could handle though of course, as usual, Warren was never the front 'man'.

281. Apparently Hamilton's morning ritual was to bound into HR shouting ... "now who am I going to sack today?"...and occasionally when challenged ... "You don't know how high I go" [the nearest gibbet?]. Not realising on this *tragic* day that his time had finally come! He lives in Bolton spending his ill-gotten gains, but blackmailers always return to the honey pot.

282. In the interim a new female HR Head was transferred from the LCC.

283. Mr.Lee Gardiner [Freemason] Data Protection manager. Appointed in autumn 2010, another appointment made without public advertisement of the post with the exclusive and express purpose of blocking all Applications for FOIA and Data Protection 'subject data' Requests. Applications which simply sought the Truth.

284. Gardiner who lives in Warrington Cheshire where the new North-West Regional Fire Control was constructed, who according to another observer spent 95% of his time playing Minesweeper on his Ipad then decided as a break from monotony to take up fraud

In learning by example from CC D. O'Toole Chair LCFA and *his fraudulent mileage claims and evasion of Income tax*, Gardner ever the opportunist fraudulently claimed his first and last daily journey from home to base [not claimable] was only a few non-claimable miles fraudulently then claiming that his actual base was at this new nearby Fire Control when in fact his base never altered remaining at the LFRS Service HQ Preston.

285. Thus using the AA Mileage calculator which the LCC/LCFA use on official reimbursable mileage claims, Gardiner thought he would pull the oldest chestnut out of the fire by fraudulently claiming payment of a daily return journey of 73 miles @ 0.45 pence per mile between the Fire Control and his base at SHQ over an employment period of 4.5 years which amounted to £38,434.50.

This compared favourably with CC O'Toole's [Chair of the LCFA] equally fraudulent mileage claims over 13.5 year period amounting to £42,106.64.

286. Ironically his new LCC female, albeit temporary HR boss, who was also on the LCC 'essential car users scheme' spotted Gardner's fraud and reported it to Warren who used the opportunity to sack Gardiner just before Xmas in 2014.

But all was not lost and Gardiner using his collateral 'secrets' was quickly appointed to a holding post at another local authority in East Lancs where in the space of a few weeks he reappeared in his old role of Data manager at Cheshire County Council FRS HQ.

287. No attempts was ever made by Mr K. Mattinson LCFA Treasurer to recover these Income Tax free fraudulent payments from either Gardiner and their boss CC D.OToole [Chair LCFA].

288. Needless to say the temp HR Head was returned to the LCC.

289. Mr.K.Mattinson [Freemason].Appointed 2001 LCFA Treasurer. Formerly with the NHS, an Accountant with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

Mattinson a rather insignificant looking person has no pension scheme management, experience, knowledge, or qualification. An informant, 'a concerned Firefighter', provided the location of Hamilton's obmutescent salary payoff which was subsequently found buried by Mattinson in the politically approved long grass annual statement of published LFRS Accounts under the title 'General'.

Mattinson, another man holding many fiscal secrets on behalf of his political Leaders.

290. Ms. Jayne Hutchinson. A Pension Clerk with attitude at the LFRS HR.

Currently first point of contact for Pension Fund Members seeking answers to simple pension queries none of which Ms.Hutchinson is capable of answering.

Drinkall's unsuccessfully mentored apprentice with even less accrued knowledge than Drinkall in perpetual contact with 'expert' Wisdom who she emulates in never having read or understood a single piece of pension legislation which she is supposed to administer.

291. Ms.Hutchinson when dealing with the LCC Pension Providers was unable to determine the difference between an 'Allowance' and a 'Benefit' though confusingly both are administered by the DWP Industrial Disability Benefits Department [IDDB],e.g., Reduced Earnings Income Allowance. The Clue was in the title...

292. These Court released internal emails highlight the fact that she was unable to determine what might be an SI DWP Disability Benefit deductible from an Injury Award. Perpetually frustrated by lack of promotion. The Clue is she is not ... 'one of Hollands boys'... or come to that 'girls'... but who knows?

293. Mrs.D. Lister, Lancashire County Council [LCC] Former Head of Pensions intended to replace this glaring shortfall in LCC/LCFA Pension Fund management competence?

The LCC 'Pensions Services' after the watershed of 1998 was eventually persuaded to become the contracted Pension Providers for the LCFA employing this former clerk from BAE Systems who admitted later in Court that she also had no formal Pension management qualifications when taking up her LCC employment in 2002 which in addition to the Fire Service Scheme required her to administer 120+ County Council Pension Schemes with their associated annual Pension Fund disbursements to the value of over £300Mil [2008].

294. Anecdotal gossip reports another who 'jumped ship before she was pushed' from BAE Systems but 14 years later after having risen to be considered for head of the leviathan multibillion £ national 'Local Government Pension Scheme' LGPS] she is now apparently taking a 'career break from current roles' a polite euphemism for having been reduced in status [or found out] but currently ensconced as Pensions Advisor to the Lancashire Constabulary. How the mighty are fallen. Still one assumes without a single qualification on Pension management qualification to her name? The Lord have mercy on the Chief Constable's pension!

295. On the 28th March 2008 Ms. Lister wrote to me on her vexed question of DWP/LCC/LCFA 'subject data' Benefit records. She unwittingly provided information as the LCFA Pension Provider that the LCC did not have this 'subject data' nor surprisingly was she able to acquire it from the LFRS where it ought to have been immediately available because clearly they did not have it either.

Neither did the DWP for the long time period she sought such records [the DWP retention period was mere a 3 years].

296. Furthermore she highlights her lack of procedural legal knowledge that the LFRS had a lawful Statutory duty to maintain and retain an accurate Statutory pension "account" which required a concluded 'Formal Arrangement' with the DWP to obtain these Disability Benefit 'subject data' records and because no such Arrangement ever existed the DWP's position was that they had no legal obligation to provide them to the LFRS, albeit that the DWP did initially supply them in breach of the 1998 Data Protection Act via a Freemason contact at the DWP Job Centre Plus Preston until 2008.

297. Lister Wrote:

'Unfortunately the current Scheme makes no specific provision which authorises LFRS to obtain the required information from DWP'. It is correct that Fund members have no liability to provide such information nor to assist the LCFA in maintaining an 'account'. '

'However, the provisions of the Scheme and the duties placed on LFRS in relation to the administration of the Scheme are unworkable without such information being provided and therefore your consent was requested to authorise DWP to disclose the information".

It remains correct that Fund members have no liability to provide such information nor to assist the LCFA in maintaining an 'account'. Then floundering around in complete legal ignorance...

'A small number of individuals in receipt of injury pensions have however declined to consent to the disclosure of information by DWP as a result of which LFRS and

Lancashire Pensions Services have reviewed the position and made a further approach to DWP asking them to provide the required information without the necessity for individuals to consent to disclosure. In our view, the relevant provisions of the Scheme are unworkable without disclosure of the information and clearly it cannot have been the intention of the Scheme to make the operation of the provisions dependent upon obtaining the voluntary consent of the individuals concerned.'

The 'intention of the Scheme' always rests with the Statutory Instrument drafters and the legislature not the Members of a particular Scheme...

298. Following the theft of my 'subject data' from the Audit Commission/National Fraud Initiative[NFI] database by Warren the NFI's curiosity's was roused so they decided to examine the LCC Pension's database and lo and behold they discovered that Lister was paying the dead pensions all 1000+ of them!

Found in TMB/Correspondence/Year 12/ PB01412 Audit Commission ~ LCC ~ National Fraud Initiative ~ Paying the Dead?

299. Ms. J. Wisdom. An LCC Pension Provider clerk 'Caseworker' and then 'Performance Manager' to the LCC.

Lister's erstwhile 'deputy' and the LCFA's 'pension expert' though she was in post before Lister arrived.

Initially employed by the LCC as a jobsworth clerk who then moved to LCC 'Pensions Services' without any pension qualifications [FOIA-out of the 67 employees not a single one had a pension management qualification] but she then rose to become a 'Performance Manager'?

300. Myself and a Stalking Horse engaged her in a game of entrapment to explore the depth of her legislative knowledge; it was a short exercise amounting to nil.

301. Of limited intelligence Wisdom took particular delight in abusing power in her choreographed 'interviews' with Hamilton of the preordained 'guilty' and their families. Unwittingly revealing that the 'information' she was receiving from the DWP came over the phone in Preston from the Job Centre Plus [showing an informants degree of caution because he knew it was unlawful] which Wisdom hand drafted and then exposed her handwritten notes to the interviewees whilst inadvertently confirming that she had no DWP records at all.

Now some Firefighters might look a little thick but they attend Coroners Courts regularly as 'close up' expert Witnesses and they miss little.

Warren regularly accused me of having an informant...only one?... oh dear me.

302. Wisdom was like Lister considered for better things at the LGPS but has remained at the LCC as a 'Technical Advisor' in East Lancashire and the Northwest representative for the LPP-Local Pension Partnership. The LPP, an LCC offshoot organisation, a very wealthy investment management and pension services provider for Local Government Pension Schemes and other public sector pension funds managing around £23.6 billion of pensions assets for their investors which include 655,000 LGPS, Police and Firefighters' pension scheme members across more

than 2,100 employers.

Not bad for a clerk without a single qualification.

303. It is to be noted Wisdom no longer claims a pension management degree [note the case] because she was unable to answer the question which Educational Establishment granted her a 'Degree'?

It is doubtful in her life if she ever read, or had the capability to read, any type of Pensions Act including SI 1992 No:129.

304. Mr. Craig Ainsworth [Freemason]. A jobsworth clerk aka Wisdom with no qualification at the LCC Pensions Providers.

Ironically a clerk who contributed originally to this pension debacle because of his laziness. A classic Freemason 'foot soldier' holding a 'key position' where he is called on to help 'the family' from time to time.

In this instance he was directed to ensure the prompt payment of underpaid Benefits to LFRS disabled Firefighters who were all Freemasons the largest amount being £45,000.0.[Not as the LFRS claimed £35k] to disabled FSV~JH a close colleague and outspoken Freemason who insisted in knowing where this 'bounty' was coming from in case they wanted it back?

Ainsworth rang him up and told him to stop asking repeated questions and to ... "just spend the money".

Ainsworth received his reward; promoted to acting Casework Supervisor in August 2011 still knowing absolutely zero about pension management or REA.

305. These are just some shameless examples of the lack of integrity and dishonesty of those clerks set in charge within a lifesaving organisation the LCFA but who can blame them given the generous salaries, their nominated car parking spaces with their personalised number plated cars when the complete responsibility for this debacle rests unequivocally with the LCC/LCFA Elected Members and their political organisations.

306. Ms.Drinkall remained in post until her retirement in 2002 leaving behind a legacy of ineptitude for which she was awarded an MBE in 2000 for 'Services to the Fire Service', who were the only the net beneficiary of her malfeasant 'policy' of ...'just make it up as you go along'...which became the 'management' practice of the new 1998 LCFA Firefighters Pension Fund because she had maleficently managed since that year to *underpay* at least 2000+ pensioners and beneficiaries their correct pensions, to date.

All of which was attributable to Drinkall's legacy, but later as we shall see, she was called back from retirement to serve her purpose once more, the price for the MBE.

The Legacy feeds on itself ~ Mutating into more LCFA "drift".

307. Meantime the cracks in this facade of competence driven by this last generation legacy of unparalleled incompetence then mutated unabated into the new LCFA in 1998. Here is an historical example

308. During a serious incident in 1994 in which a young Firefighter was virtually cut in half by an LPG cylinder exploding and scything out of a farm barn fire the Firefighter FSV-DH [now deceased] was compulsorily medically retired in 1996.

309. In 1997 DH subsequently raised legal questions concerning his pension rights and payments associated with DWP Disability Benefits with Ms.Drinkall who was simply incapable of providing a technical answer and passed the buck to the pension 'experts' of Home Office Fire Department for the next 13 years!

310. In 2009 the LCFA's Hamilton [HR] who was also incapable of providing an answer commented on Ms.Drinkall's legacy in a July 17, 2009 internal email, part of a Court released evidential bundle of 362 such exhibits, stating in retrospection:

"In 1996 an injury pensioner [DH] queried the deduction of his injury pension as he was in receipt of IIDB as he felt it was not covered by the Industrial Injuries Benefit Act 1992. The matter was put to the home office who prevaricated for many months acknowledging the difficulty and advising legislation needed to be amended but advising that deductions should occur in principle. The pensioner was given the opportunity to have the deduction or await the outcome of legislative change but the matter drifted. The home office did not advice(sic)of any legislative development and after pursuing them(sic) for a further year the matter drifted here"...

311. But like so much other flotsam and jetsam in this sea of corruption which was to float up onto the LCFA's filthy beach it simply presaged a storm of similar examples as the Drinkall bubble of laziness, disarray, disingenuity, dissimulation, manipulated mendacity and fraudulent disaster finally burst upon it.

The 2006 ~ 2012 Pension 'Overpayments' ~ The Birth of A Dispute

312. In 2006 Drinkall's pigeons disastrously came home to roost.

313. In my Operational Command I had 10 Station Commanders, only the best. In early 2006 the continuing deplorable state of the malfeasance of the LCFA Firefighter's Pension Fund was highlighted once more when a well-respected terminally ill retired Station Commander of mine disabled FSV-DW, who before and in retirement, was deeply involved in youth football in his Community, innocently and honestly raised an anticipated DWP Disability Benefit payment query, which in spite of repeated efforts went unanswered for over 7 months. Now we know why...

314. These queries involved envisaged changes affecting his DWP Disability Benefits paid directly to him by the DWP for his domestic terminal care arrangements undertaken by his wife, in that, if the LCFA did not take the appropriate action before her 60th birthday, *overpayments to him might* occur. DW was a respected command Officer, a good administrator, who also just happened to be a popular Freemason.

315. The response when interminably it came from Wisdom, the LCC/LCFA 'expert', stated that:

“Following receipt of your letter and confirming the details of your invalidity/incapacity benefit with Jobcentre Plus it has come to my attention that the benefits received are greater than the injury pension due. Therefore the injury pension should not have been paid and payment has now ceased. Consequently an overpayment has occurred between 16 February 1993 and 30 June 2007 amounting to £30,164.61.”

N.B. A great beginning Wisdom et al could not even get this figure correct. It was in fact £35,435.20, all attributable to their sheer lazy incompetence.

316. No pastoral care, especially given his terminal condition; no sensitivity; no explanations why this malfeasance had been allowed to accumulate to the magnitude it had by the multiple failures of the LCFA, the LCC ‘Your Pension Service’, and the unfortunate DWP. What was there left to do after 7 months of this nightmare unfolded than to take immediate refuge in blaming the victim, this honest Officer?

317. I was privileged that before he died DW passed the complete and extensive copies of all his privately held contemporaneous pension records including those sent to the DWP; to the LCC ‘Your Pension Service’, and especially copies all sent to the LFRS for inclusion in his PRF where such documents were intended to be perpetually retained. His widow CW was aware of his actions and approved. These detailed contemporaneous records tell their own story of his frustrated attempts to make anyone in either the DWP, the LCC, or the LCFA pay attention to his pension concerns.

318. By her unwitting ill crafted words Wisdom immediately confirmed several critical evidential facts in law which included why it had taken her 7 months to reply which was reflected in a carefully crafted multi co-authored letter written by people like herself who had no idea what they were doing, but Warren did.

319. Wisdom was unaware of DW’s high profile medical condition bearing in mind that presciently she should have been anticipating taking serious decisions for the Widow’s ‘Half’ Pension and Benefits and for the pastoral care, support and benefit, of his potential Widow, C.

320. Unforgivably, Wisdom assumed DW’s dishonesty by immediately and unlawfully, without his consent, confirming the *facts he had honestly presented to her* by contacting Hamilton’s informant at the DWP Preston Job Centre Plus who, equally unlawfully, confirmed his ‘subject data’ facts [by vox] in breach of the 1998 Data Protection Act (as amended);

321. Next, she uses the disingenuous phrase... “it has come to my attention”. No it did not. DW brought it transparently and honestly to the attention of the LCFA/LCC, because of their collective failures to carry out their Statutory duties;

322. Wisdom simply did not know why the ... “benefits received are greater than the injury pension due” and is either unable, because as we now know she had no records, or more likely she was incapable of giving a transparent technical explanation in law for these circumstances; nor does she quote who informed her that this was a ‘fact’; and on what legal basis?

323. Wisdom does not explain who paid the Duplicated Disability Benefits in error and why? Was it the LCC or LCFA? The legal responsibility for any, or all, of these errors resting entirely with these 2 agencies, the primary one of which held the Statutory duty, the LCFA?

324. Why did Wisdom not support her statement? ...“should not have been paid” by going straight to the LCFA Pension Fund maintained Statutory “account” of which surely she held a mirror data image as the LCFA Pensions Provider contractor, and promptly identify the person/agency who should not have authorised or actually paid out these Duplicated Disability Benefits. But this would undoubtedly have taken transparent accountability too far and exposed the LCFA/LCC’s complete lack of Statutory records ?

325. What did examination of DW’s, LCFA PRF, actually reveal?

The confirmation that he had indeed informed these agencies of the status of his Disability Benefits *and* his concerns? Later, Hutchinson [Drinkall’s replacement] in emails stated that DW’s PRF was lost; then it was found; then it was lost again, and found again. Frankly the LCFA could not decide for itself which falsehood might provide the best protection for its publicly revealed malfescence. But this was before they got their mendacity in gear and before dissimulation became a practiced art in deceiving the Elected Members on the LCFA who had already been placed in a controlled cocoon of dissimulation by Warren.

326. DW’s detailed narrative reveals again and again that he had kept the LCFA informed of his DWP Disability Benefits status from the moment his Pensions had been put in payment. It is little wonder that the LCFA refuses to release DW’s PRF because neither their Pension Fund maintained Statutory “account”, nor DW’s PRF will show a single entry recording the contemporaneous pension information which DW did honestly and voluntarily supply to the LCFA/LCC but which none of these agencies did anything to record.

327. This was in spite DW, whilst he was still alive, re-producing his contemporaneous records of his own in their entirety which he sent to the LCFA which confirmed that the LCFA/LCC *had been regularly informed by him of his Benefit status*, but without a single response.

328. Finally when asked to produce *their records* and DW’s PRF by his Widow’s solicitor after having been put to the tactless proof by Harold/Gardiner that DW’s Widow was not the Executor of DW’s estate that they were not willing to do so which ultimately, to this day, have been denied to his Widow C.

329. Having vocationally dispensed compassion all his Service life it was clear from the outset that DW, his wife CW, and his family were to be denied common humanity emanating right from the top of this corrupt organisation to the point at which even Chief Fire Officer Holland whilst professing fraternal sympathy rejected direct hand written letters of appeal for help from his Widow, which I also retain.

330. All this deplorable inhumanity created a huge swell of resentment and rage within all ranks of the disabled FSVs many of whom were decent Freemasons, as is their right.

331. Meantime in the 7 months before they could provide any answers off went a gleeful Warren trawling in his usual mendacious way to identify these DWP Benefit ‘fraudsters’ which

is rather rich because it takes one to know one, or so he thought.

The Trawling

332. The unforeseeable consequences of the 'game' of pension trawling by conspirators Winterbottom/Warren and their fellow conspirators, which many an honest trawler skipper has to deal with regularly, is what comes to the surface in the trawl which can be disturbingly unexpected and a rather threatening 'game' changer.

333. By mid-2007 Winterbottom/Warren/Hamilton and Wisdom/Hutchinson initially trawled up whom they viewed as 167 'fraudsters' which included to their dismay 84 Freemasons [later scaling up to 114 including some coerced non-Freemasons] all of who were issued with a 'Get out of Jail Free Card' under various pretexts including the use of unbridled thuggery on some of those I represented.

One such was a very disabled FSV~DA who allegedly owed £65,410.87 and understandably yielded under the remorseless Warren "Hardship Route" grinder.

334. The presence of these initial 84 Freemasons [out of the total of 167 alleged fraudsters] seemed to perplex these 'fishermen' but surely as Brethren like themselves they ought have known this was bound to happen but sadly none of them are ever likely to become members of Mensa.

335. This initial, and by now extremely hostile group of 84 disabled Lamplighters, were also like FSV~DW to be placed on Warren's 'Hardship Route'. However, immediately after a few personal threatening messages from various Temples Warren recognised an awakened giant so he and his cohorts under the direction of Winterbottom quickly decided that all 84 were to be deemed by the LCFA to be receiving the correct pension.

But how do we know that? Where is the evidence?

336. No data was ever published by the LCFA on the criterion it had applied to each of these 84 FSVs to lead them to this conclusion? How could this have been achieved bearing in mind the LCFA's complete lack of Data to compare with that which they had unlawfully acquired from the DWP?

But, to every mystery there is usually a solution, where Warren et al are concerned and it is perpetually, dissimulated mendacity.

337. The only lip service the LCFA Committee ever paid to due legal process was later on the 1st April 2008, to deter the curious, this debacle now being in its 3rd year, when the LCFA Resource Committee with its Special Pension Sub-Committee of 4 Members [2xLabour; 1xConservative;1x LibDem the membership of which the LCFA refused to publish ~ So much for Democracy] but it was easy to find out the obvious that the 'packed' voting majority were all Freemasons holding the balance of power who also issued the following statement:

"That the Authority place on record an undertaking that it would only attempt to recover further overpayment monies from the individuals when the Authority was entirely satisfied of the correct and precise amounts involved. In the event of any underpayments the Authority would refund these as quickly as possible."

Not only did this carte blanc authority empower Warren to 'write off' any embarrassing problems like the 84 but legitimised his corrupt activities before and after this statement to do precisely as he wished,[I will because I can], or so he thought he could.

338. Perhaps one should reflect on a single entry in Hutchinson's *first* spreadsheet generated on the 21st January 2008 ... 'Written off as advised LFRS of change'... entered against compulsory discharged disabled FSV-BB who presented another unexpected challenge to Warren which we will return to later.

The Great Secret ~ LCFA Pension Fund Misfeasance .

339. In summary what did the LCFA/LCC have to cover up? In a word, *Everything!*

340. But what had the LCFA done wrong? Put in legal speak the following...

- *Nonfeasance*, defined, when an authority intentionally fails to perform a required Statutory duty or obligation;
- *Malfeasance*, defined, when an authority deliberately causes injury to another on purpose, namely, the disabled Firefighters, their Widows, and Beneficiaries;
- *Misfeasance*, defined, when an authority performs an action incorrectly, or a legal act performed in an illegal manner;

341. This cover up confirmed *nonfeasance* when Holland was appointed as the Statutory Pension Fund manager in 1998. When next he appointed and delegated Warren as his Deputy Statutory Pension Fund manager in April 2002 when neither of them took any action to carry out a review of the 'health status' of the Lancashire Firefighter's Statutory Pension Fund 'account' to ensure its financial viability and to comply with the Pensions Regulators' regulatory regime [who were fully aware of this debacle and did nothing] and the Statutory Instrument governing its Pension Fund sustainability with the LCFA's fiscal competency to operate the Lancashire Firefighters Pension Scheme and its Fund.

342. This cover up confirmed *malfeasance* within the LFRS in particular its clerks' complete and collective abject failure to control and audit a Statutory Pension Fund; in particular their failure to maintain a Statutory daily ledger 'account'; and their abject failure to retain and record Pension Fund Members' 'subject data' voluntarily supplied to them of frequent changes to, their individual DWP Disability Benefits.

All of which caused purposeful injury to disabled Firefighters, their Widows, and Beneficiaries.

343. This cover up confirmed *misfeasance* when the LCFA/LCC failed to set up the Statutory mechanisms, "formal agreements" to ensure that the DWP were required to inform the LCFA of *any and all* routine Disability Benefit implementation or changes to be included in Pension Fund Members PRF Records.

344. This cover up confirmed *fraud* when the LCFA/LCC by their subsequent fraudulent and deceitful actions simply endorsed the common knowledge of Members of the Pension Fund

that the LCFA/LCC never routinely acknowledged the receipt of any information voluntarily sent to them, and consequently they had neither retained nor recorded this critical information in their daily ledger Statutory 'account', nor in the Members' PRFs which led to the inevitable kneejerk cover-up reaction when exposed to public scrutiny by claiming, in a blatant public falsehood that the victims of the LCFA's *Nonfeasance/Malfesance/Misfesance* had failed to inform them of routine changes to DWP Disability Benefits, when in fact they had.

345. Repeatedly in the Court released 362 emails in the 5 'Reviews' presented to the LCFA Elected Members the last being in December 2009 it allegedly identified 167[the LCFA could not even get this statistic correct initially identifying 169] of allegedly overpaid disabled Firefighters using a column entry in their 'reviews' in which these clerks recorded against individuals... "no notification on file"... in spite of ample contradictory evidence from individual's own contemporaneous records that the LCFB/LCFA had been regularly and voluntarily informed of Benefit changes which clearly confirmed that Drinkall had not been remotely minded to make a daily ledger entry in the Statutory "account" nor to submit the information to a Member's PRF where they were expected to be lodged.

346. But this "no notification on file" statement was itself a patent falsehood announced whilst knowing that the LCC Pensions Services had confirmed to them that it did not hold such voluntary records either.

347. The fact of the matter was that it was not until 2002 4 years after the LCFA was created that it commenced creating databases with digitised records of any description, including pensions.

348. Furthermore the LCFA had no DWP records whether digitised or not of its own which by default permitted the automatic payments by Duplication in Statutory error to completely innocent disabled Firefighters in direct breach of the LCFA's Statutory duty.

349. It is well documented in this first awful and cynical case of gross abuse and breach of trust exemplified by terminally ill DW's Officer's reaction in that *he believed and accepted what he was told* by Warren/Hamilton/Wisdom because he had not the time left in this life to argue his case but was perforce, for the sake of his wife's envisaged hardship circumstances, to obtain at very short notice a bank loan to pay back an agreed £15,000 by cheque, which was never acknowledged thus adding insult to injury and completely enraging FSV~DW's Lancashire FRS Veterans, colleagues, and friends.

350. This nightmare for the LCFA commenced in November 2006 and continued until February 2013 when the LCFA thought they had brought their nightmare to end but in fact it continues today on Easter Monday 10th April 2023, 17 years later.

351. This self-created nightmare has consumed the financial, manpower, and man-hours resources of the LFRS HR Department involving at least 50 people to say nothing of the DWP, National Fraud Initiative, the Home Office Fire Department, Chief Constables and endless bovine local politicians.

352. Given all these appalling circumstances a mature and lawful Authority would surely have called immediately for an Inquiry using independent legal advice supported by an accomplished audit company having accomplished practice in examining the health of a Pension Scheme.

353. But of course this would have been an anathema to Winterbottom/Warren/Hamilton/Wisdom/Hutchinson's reputations and career prospects who did not hesitate to manipulate the LCFA to take none of these normal remedial steps but transferred the matter to the LCFA Resources Committee who then set up a 4 person Special sub-Committee [whose names were never published] with delegated powers which Winterbottom and Warren then 'packed' with Freemasons to produce the gerrymandered voting results they required.

Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics.

354. So next we enter the LCFA confused and confusing world of *their* lies, *their* damned lies, and *their* awful statistics as these clerks fought for the survival of their employment Contracts, when they ought to have been sacked against a rising tide of evidence which continued to mount and point in only one direction, *their collective* and continuing misfeasance.

355. The first question the famous four under Winterbottom's direction, namely Warren, Hamilton, Hutchinson, and LCC Wisdom, who were unequivocally in charge of the LCFA Pension Fund had to address was how far the LCFA's collective misfeasance been allowed to grow and fester since 1998 though finally brought to their attention on the 27th November 2006?

356. From a policy standpoint they decided that no rational explanation was to be Publicly offered why the LCFA Pension Fund was heading for bankruptcy and how much money had been lost from the Pension Fund? Nor was a Public apology was ever to be offered to either the Public at large or in particular to their disabled Firefighters for the worrying melt down of *their Pension Fund*.

357. The implementation of the Limitations Act 1998 by the disabled FSVs acting unilaterally against enforced restitution was unlawfully dismissed even though the errors leading to the loss of Funds from the Firefighters Pension Fund was entirely attributable to the LCFA and its Contractor the LCC Pensions Services.

358. It was against this backdrop of a continuing severe threat to their employment that these four next had to determine a division of labour.

359. Warren, under Winterbottom's direction, was to be exclusively in charge though at a careful distance from responsibility but with the ultimate power to 'write off' Duplicated overpayments which was authorised retrospectively [to protect Winterbottom/Warren] on 1st April 2008 by the 'packed' LCFA Special Pension Sub-Committee.

360. Hamilton was to carry the pragmatic daily 'burden' of establishing just how much Public Funds the LCFA/LCC had jointly lost from LCFA Firefighters Pension Fund.

361. Hutchinson was to take the lead in preparing and maintaining [it ought to have been on a daily and monthly basis] generated MS 'Excel' spreadsheets of accumulating and enforced recovery of Duplicated 'overpayments' to be credited to LCFA Pension Fund and its Members.

362. Wisdom/Lambert [the LCC contracted 'legal' and 'pension' experts] with Hamilton were to acquire the missing Pension Fund 'subject data'.

363. It is worth recalling the fact of the matter that it was not until 2002, four years after the LCFA was created that it commenced creating databases with digitised records of any description, including pensions.

364. To their collective dismay they then discovered that the subject data back to 1992 could only be retrieved surreptitiously and unlawfully from the DWP because the LCC/LCFA could find no comprehensive records of their own. Not even in individual Fund Members' PRFs which were randomised paper folios, although in the main, they had been regularly and voluntarily notified by the majority of Fund Members of Benefit changes which Drinkall failed to take any action on.

365. This did not present a particular difficulty because Winterbottom/Warren/Hamilton simply contacted a 'key' Freemason at the local Preston DWP Preston Jobcentre Plus for assistance but this was unlawful 'tricky territory' , as Warren puts it, which took time and it was not until late September 2007, 10 months after being informed by disabled FSV~DW that Warren was in a position to report provisional headline statistics [a study of economy of truth] to the 'controlled' LFCA Elected Members, the actual Pension Fund managers, about deficits which were not nominally finalised until December 2009.

The initial corrected headlines [disregarding the copious errors] were:

Disabled Pension Fund Members in receipt of DWP Benefits	167.
Disabled Pension Fund Members Underpaid	17.
Disabled Pension Fund Members allegedly overpaid in breach of Statute by Duplication of payments	45.
Pension Fund Members deemed to be receiving the correct pension	<u>105.</u>
Total	167.

366. Meantime to achieve the minutiae for these statistics Hamilton[until he was fired] Wisdom/Lambert/Hutchinson continued unlawfully to resort to using unlogged phone calls with their anonymous contact at DWP Preston who was extremely wary of sending unlawful DWP 'subject data' in hard copy [which proved patchy and incorrect] which Wisdom/Hutchinson had of necessity to hand draft from the phone which Wisdom/Lambert later reproduced in 'interviews' with disabled Firefighters and their families who noticed the odd hand drafting of their Data.

367. The criminal activity of unlawfully obtaining DWP data was highlighted to the Permanent Secretary at the DWP in early 2008 and this practice was ceased, at least 'officially'.

368. By now, into its 2nd year, Hutchinson finally produced her first spreadsheet on the 21st January 2008 which was amended 4 times the last being 20th November 2008.

Of particular interest is the 'Comments' column set against a named individual. These are examples of incompetence:

- 'Letters never sent';
- 'Blank ~ 'No Explanation given';
- 'Benefits paid for second injury not overpaid';
- 'FBU Case';
- 'No longer overpaid';
- 'Jayne dealing'?
- 'Written off'[A matter of special interest as we shall see]

369. Of particular interest is the impact these comments had on the Duplication 'overpayments' statistic which varied from 27 to 45 to 36 which also impacted on the statistic [increasing] of Pension Fund Members deemed to be receiving the correct pension which clearly confirmed that Duplication 'overpayments' had been 'written off' without explanation.

370. There was no provision made to record 167 individual audits of DWP Benefits being received set against the LCFA criterion being applied for this 'test' in order to accurately report that every one of the 167 individually audited payments were correct or not?

371. So where in audit terms were recovered monies tabulated/recorded presuming that they would automatically be credited to the Firefighters Pension Fund?

372. On the 27th October 2009 Hutchinson's Court released statistical reporting totalled five documents. The fifth document of 6 pages was clearly from an independent [redacted] Barrister's Opinion reporting to the LCC Pension Services at a time it was common knowledge that, yet again, relationships between the Contractor [LCFA] and the Contractee [LCC] were fraught.

This Opinion concluded in Annex 'C' page 6...

"The total amount of injury pensions found to be underpaid as a result of the review was £151,613. The total amount of injury pensions found to be overpaid as a result of the review was £622,934. The recovery of these amounts is a matter for the LFRS."

373. The 6th page was useful as it provided a final snap shot of the statistical analyses on 27th October 2009 in the 3rd year of this debacle. This summary is verbatim:

Disabled Pension Fund Members in receipt of DWP Benefits	167.
Disabled Pension Fund Members Underpaid	17.
Disabled Pension Fund Members allegedly overpaid in breach of Statute by Duplication of payments	36.
Pension Fund Members deemed to be receiving the correct pension	<u>114.</u>
Total	167.

374. The amounts of loss to the LCFA Firefighters Pension Fund as of 2011 was as follows:

Pension Fund Members allegedly Overpaid [36] in breach of Statute by Duplication of payments to the restitutorial value of	£622,934.0.
Less Disabled Pension Fund Members Underpaid [17]. The last payment to disabled FSVs being made in July 2009 to the total value of	£151,613.40.

Less Written off/Deemed to be receiving the correct Pensions [114] to the value of	<u>£1,972,624.33.</u>
Less Enforced Restitution	£622,934.0.
Net Loss to LCFA Firefighters Pension Fund	£1,349,690.33.

Less[Audit Commission Report of 2011 on the LCC] paying pensions to 1007 deceased including LCFA Firefighters [NFI data currently not to hand] but to the estimated value of	£7,786,674.99.
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375. This LCFA Net Loss amount is a combination of Employees and Employers Pension Contributions, the latter being Public funds which the LCFA are Statute bound to recover within the 6 year limit of the 1998 Limitations Act.

In the first place there was a haphazard attempt to collect and collate data whilst remembering the LCFA had lazily, carelessly, and wantonly disbursed these Duplicated payments in error in to the living and then there is, in the second place, the outstanding matter of paying an of indeterminate number deceased Firefighters pensions to their estates in full, in the second place?

376. Before we leave Hutchinson's spreadsheets it is important to explore the role of Mattinson the LCFA Director of Finance who ought to have been directing Hutchinson's efforts. Studying these spreadsheets[a nightmare exercise] highlights the fact that there were no extra column provisions made to include space for recovered Duplicated disbursements/net losses even though the Director of Finance Mattinson (bound by accountancy rules) would surely have needed this data for reports to the LCFA Elected Members; in particular for the Annual Audit of the LCFA; and especially for compliance by the LCFA to the Statutory rules which are governed by the District Auditor but Mattinson gives no accounting?

377. At an early point on the 22nd November 2007 Hamilton's fevered imagination got the better of him [Presumably in between attempting to beat up disabled Firefighters, their families and any other black LFRS female nurses he might come across] when emailing Warren, on behalf of his associates, to present Warren an hypotheses of envisaged income for the benefit of LCFA Committee:

... "If I extrapolate the present sample to the whole population [Eh?] we are talking of recovery between £0.5 million and £1 Million and with an annual saving of £50k to £80k in reduced pension payments."

So much for his hypotheses with a net loss of £1,349,690.33.,[using LCFA data] from the Firefighters Pension Fund which Winterbottom/Warren/Hamilton and Wisdom/Hutchinson will

be asked to explain when finally they are all arrested, for at the very least, producing a false instrument presented to the LCFA Committee.

FSV~BB's Challenge to Hamilton and Warren.

378. On the 21st January 2008, marked on her *first* generated spreadsheet, Hutchinson's made a single entry, which perhaps one might ponder over when she entered against compulsory discharged disabled FSV-BB the following... 'Written off as advised LFRS of change '...on the 22nd February 2008.

379. On the 25th February 2008 BB wrote to me for assistance stating that on this day he had received the following... "I have today received(sic) a letter from LCC telling me they have overpayed(sic) me by £3088.13." ...and so on.

380. Clearly before the 21st January 2008 Warren at the direction of Winterbottom had already secretly and fraudulently written off the 114 Freemasons FSVs trawled up with alleged 'overpayments' stating on the record to the LCFA Committee in September 2007 that the 114 were deemed to have been paid the correct pension but without indicating that he had applied any form of audit test, or demonstrating a paper trail, or even informing his associated Brethren.

381. Nevertheless the damage had been done. At this point one might assume that *all these alleged debts would be written off*, but that did not occur because Warren had made such a fist of it that he found himself between a rock and a hard place having had to pay back the 17 'underpaid' disabled FSV's amounting to £151,613.40., *and* having to write off all other 'overpayment' claims involving Freemasons without Wisdom/Hutchinson being informed or even his fraternal Brethren.

382. Then of course his next problem was the 36 Non-Freemasons some of who had commenced their enforced restitution and those who had not, including myself, which *in toto* can only be described as pure discrimination and a blatant miscarriage of Justice.

383. This deplorable position is supported by a straw pole with discreet disabled Freemasons who all stated they had never received any communication from the LCFA with reference to their Pension, nor had they been asked to pay any money back. This is either the party line or more likely the truth.

384. Disabled FSV-BB who had emerged from the Brethren's ranks was a very determined compulsory retired disabled Officer who was not at all happy with his treatment by Hamilton and then Warren who he considered had accused him without evidence of being a fraudster and of failing to inform the LCFB [Drinkall] of changes to his DWP Benefits which he was particularly enraged about.

385. Let us digress for a few minutes to shed a little Light in the Darkness, as Freemasons like to put it, to explain that it is rather a paradox that Freemasonry actually runs its own hierarchical system.

It is a quirk of Freemasonry when it collides with the good order and discipline of any 'Service'

that a Freemason may well hold the lowest rank in a Service but when he dons his regalia he may well outrank his Service colleagues at the Temple.

386. What follows, is a brief study into such circumstances which are unusually reflected in tones of address and subservient attitudes both demonstrated by Hamilton and Warren to FSV~BB.

387. FSV~BB was in earlier service under my command rising to become my opposite number in another Division. FSV~BB was 'old Brigade' and proud of it. Like myself he also became a Statutory Discipline Officer appointed by the Secretary of State. This identified Officers with 'clean sheet' integrity and high Service standards which were never regarded as a burden, but as an honour.

388. FSV~BB was not 'popular' nor did he desire to be so but to be respected by the lower ranks as a 'fair, firm, if not too friendly, Officer. FSV~BB's very interesting correspondence was generously supplied to me by him for publication and is found on the Bugler at Pension Law/Libraries/ Correspondence/Year 2008.

389. The correspondence is self-explanatory but of especial interest is a letter from a very chastened Warren to FSV~BB on the 18th May 2008 *uniquely admitting culpability* stating in the concluding paragraph the following:

"It would appear that the Service did not then make the appropriate deduction from your injury award. Indeed the Service went further and advised you that you did not need to notify us of future inflation increases.

I consider this to be poor administration and feel it is inappropriate to ask you to reimburse the Service this overpayment that resulted. I therefore intend finalising this matter by writing off the overpayment."

390. All a bit rich when one considers that Warren was in charge of this 'poor administration'. This FSV~BB correspondence finally concluded on the 12th June 2009 in the usual LCFA inimitable fashion; lazy and late.

391. Nevertheless the damage had been done and at this point one might assume that *all these alleged 'overpayments' would be written off*, but that did not occur because Warren had made such a fist of it that he found himself between a rock and a hard place having to pay back the 17 'underpaid' disabled FSV's amounting to £151,613.40. Then having to write off all other claims involving Freemasons whom he had neither found, processed, nor 'written off'. Then of course his next problem was the 36 Non-Freemasons who had commenced their enforced restitution and those who had not, including myself, though I was never a statistic?

Some are More Equal than Others

392. An Extract from a letter dated 24th February 2011 from disabled FSV~FG to be located in... Law Libraries/Correspondence Year 2011. Entitled FSV~FG and Bugler Correspondence on the Lamplighters to Mr. Warren and CFO.

“At this point I refer you to correspondence between Mr BB and yourselves, concerning alleged overpayment of his injury pension. In particular I refer to the last two paragraphs in one of your letters in which you admit that there was indeed ‘poor administration’. Mr BB circumstances were very similar to my own, but clearly we have been treated differently. This is a matter which I find very disturbing.

Recently it has come to my attention that anecdotal or actual evidence exists which seems to indicate that two or more ‘standards’ were applied by the LFRS in resolving individual alleged ‘overpayments’. It would appear that, for example, if one was a Freemason, any alleged debt was dealt with by using a different ‘standard’ to that applied to non-Freemasons.

I suggest to you that in practice Freemasons did not repay any of their alleged ‘debt’, whilst non-Freemasons are continuing to repay their debt or have repaid it in full whether due to you or not. If this is the case, then it would be an appalling state of affairs with foreseeable grave consequences for those personally involved.

I request your personal written assurance and the personal written assurance of your deputy, Mr Hamilton, who is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the LFRS Pension Scheme, that there is no foundation whatsoever in these rumours and that all those affected Fire Service Veterans, regardless of their membership of any particular organisation, have been treated fairly and with exactly the same ‘standard’. Yours sincerely,”.

Disabled FSV~FG as one had come to expect received neither an acknowledgement nor response.

The Shining Knight Prances In

393. As the ‘Journey for Truth’ continued in August 2012 quite by my good fortune I was introduced to a retired barrister who lived in my vicinity. Mr. John Copplestone-Bruce[JCB] who is a Life Member of the Inner Temple. This peer group Honour of Life Membership allows JCB, without constraint, to continue to practice at will for life.

394. Our common interest was inventing and Patenting our creations. In my case I had won a Government ‘Smart Award’ [£50k] for inventing and patenting into preproduction after 10 years research work and a further personal investment of £50k, a Public Warning System using Powerline Communications which included successful highly sensitive military field trials.

395. JCB was and remains in retirement an extraordinary high performing barrister who unusually spent two years of his early tutelage reading pure Law specifically the ‘meaning of words’ all of which he has taught me during my 11 years enjoyable and at times challenging tutelage under him. I always had a great passion for Human Rights and the Law as a consequence of being raised a second class Citizen in the North of Ireland.

396. JCB was, as he puts it, ‘when at the top of his game’ the highest performer in Personal Injury claims in the UK, and, unsolicited, generously offered his pro bono services to me and other disabled Firefighters both retired and serving. JCB had not only been an Officer in the British Army but also a Fire Officer.

JCB is to be found at Current Affairs Vol 38 15th June 2021.

Hubble Bubble Toil and Trouble ~ A Haemorrhage of Truth.

397. In late 1996 I attended an LCC preretirement course which included other uniformed LCFB personnel and LCC employees. We were given a look ahead in legal terms of the life changing circumstances surrounding our envisaged retirement which in my case was by compulsory medical discharge which occurred at midnight 31st January 1997. Ms. Drinkall represented the LCFB.

398. In 1999 I became aware that I was entitled to an obscure DWP Allowance called Reduced Earnings Income Allowance [REA] which I ought to have been informed of by Ms. Drinkall.

399. I subsequently wrote to Ms. Drinkall informing her that I intended to apply for this Allowance and surprisingly in a letter to me she informed me she had filled in my Application Form and sent it off indicating to me that if in the event I was successful would I inform her. This I subsequently did by phone call making a contemporaneous note *on her original letter* to this effect by stating ... "Rang Joan and told her yes"... This is recorded in my own PRF records as PRF39 found at 'Correspondence, Year 1999.

400. I had no further contact with Ms. Drinkall nor the newly created LCFA until 2008 when I peremptorily informed without any pastoral care or pleasantries which one usually expected from my former employers the LCFB that without explanation or substantiation I had been overpaid the DWP REA element of my Injury Award and that the amount, which was not specified, was to be deducted at source.

401. There exists an inconsistency throughout the UK in both the practice and law concerning Allowance deductions from an Injury Award, which is not surprising. This was highlighted in a letter to a disabled FSV in Northern Ireland to be seen in 'Correspondence, Year 2010 , second entry.

402. The tone of this LCFA letter to FSVs, including myself, was regarded as offensive, aggressive, and unacceptable and the LCFA was informed so. Eventually a running battle ensued. I was initially asked to represent the Widows and Beneficiaries which inevitably extended to 166 other disabled FSVs and did so reluctantly having just lost my wife in 2007[uniquely a Senior Ranking Officer in her own right] to cancer.

403. I made contact with the chair of the LCFA called Wilkinson, a former Firefighter, a rather slippery and mendacious character who made an admirable politician and who unsuccessfully attempted to be an unenthusiastic member of my Watch when I was his junior ranking Watch Commander.

404. I made repeated serious attempts at amelioration with Wilkinson and made numerous written pragmatic proposals for resolution when I grasped what the problem was but these reasonable proposals received the usual stonewalling treatment. A hostile dialogue developed with Wilkinson which is recorded in 'Correspondence, Year 2008, reflected in the first two entries for that year. Hostilities with the LCFA continue until the present.

405. By 2010 Mr. Max Winterbottom, Clerk to the LCFA and also the senior Freemason in Lancashire decided to hobble this attrition and stop the haemorrhaging of the Truth at the LCFA by continuing to ignore all overtures for a common-sense resolution.

He also decided in direct discrimination to take me personally to Court in spite of receiving documentary proof from me that I *had* informed the LCFA of the commencement of my single minor REA, DWP Allowance.

406. Eventually the LCFA knowingly issued proceeding in the High Court which is an old tactic and an abuse of due process to intimidate Defendants particularly LiPs which was the wrong Court because the issue did not cross the High Court benchmark for such proceeding.

So when that did not succeed the LCFA then spent a considerable amount of time and money to have the proceeding reissued at the County Court but it was unable to determine which 'Track' the issue should be placed on which simply confirmed their solicitor Harold's lack of professional nous.

407. The Brethren ordered up their on call "Best in the World" Lancashire Circuit Court Justice Philip Butler [Head of Preston Court and the Family Division] to preside. Eventually following several case management Hearings in late 2012 Butler decided that the matter was so serious, the evidence amounting to one A4 sheet of paper, that it would require a 4 day Hearing with the Plaintiff presenting their case over two days and the LiP, myself, having a further 2 days to present my Defence. In the event I was not allowed to present any Defence the Plaintiff being encouraged to blatantly filibuster the remaining 2 days.

408. The unimaginative purpose was crystal clear which was to 'pack' the Court and Bench with a predetermined 'Judgement' and heavily load the costs to my personal detriment, pour les encourager les autres.

409. Within his fiefdom Butler had an appalling reputation with his Court staff as an unbalanced ranting thug and bully. Staff, which he was unaware of, which included part time Firefighters [and they should know] who were part of the 'family' but friendly faces nevertheless who originally came from my Division under my operational command.

410. During the Hearing commencing on Monday 11th February 2013 at which I appeared before His Honour as an LiP. Repeatedly from the outset, to the point of boredom boasted, that he was of Irish descent until I politely reminded him that the Irish knew all about the Butlers of Kilkenny which seemed to restrain his enthusiasm somewhat.

411. Historically this was not correct for in fact his forbears were Anglo Normans. Part of the thieving horde who arrived with Strongbow in 1172 basing themselves in Kilkenny where after renaming themselves the Ormondes they remained until 1935 when they were 'encouraged' to sell out and abandoned their stolen Irish 'heritage'?

412. But in moving with the times their offspring have renamed themselves in Gaelic as 'Buitléir' which fools no one.

413. The Hearing, as with many things in life, did not go according to the Winterbottom/Buitléir 'plan', being interwoven with 4 noteworthy events which occurred beyond Buitléir's ranting control which partly explains the late morning arrivals and irregular adjournments; a man of such great honour and stature in the Holy Roman Catholic Church, who unashamedly rigged and 'packed' his Court of Justice against myself, my disabled colleagues and their Beneficiaries:

a) The LiP although procedurally inexperienced was not phased by either the Court or Buitléir's manner who called the Defendant 'bolshie' twice, but he did not rise to the bait. As US President Biden put it succinctly ... " I may be Irish but I am not stupid".

b) Next there was the appalling matter [which was to have a sequel] of the 'Zombie' children found by the Lancashire Social Services in quite dire circumstance in a notorious part of Leyland, my old Station stamping ground;

c) Perjury by Drinkall coached by Warren and Lister witnessed by 2 Court ushers who lodged vox complaints with Butler and a further 4 independent witnesses in the public well of the Court who lodged written Witness statements with the Preston Court Manager;

d) Barrister JCB's discovery that the LiP, Lancashire disabled Firefighters, and the nation's disabled Firefighters, Widows and Beneficiaries were being underpaid [by 25%] their disability pensions.

414. The issue of the 'Zombie' children arose during my Hearing when during an urgent adjournment Butler was tasked by the LCC Social Services to issue an Order to immediately remove four children at risk to a place of safety which Butler refused. When he returned to my Hearing he went into a rant about how unreasonable it was of the LCC to ask him to put these children out of their accommodation in the middle for winter, but that was not what the LCC were asking him for!

Butler one of the UK's Judicial "Best in the World" Justices was not only corrupt but was unimaginably unintelligent because there was a hugely embarrassing sequel.

415. On Tuesday afternoon 12th February 2013 I was permitted to cross examine Ms. Drinkall on her Evidence in Chief. During this cross examination I had to repeat my questions regularly. Perhaps I thought Ms. Drinkall had like myself a hearing difficulty?

But because I had a worn hip I have a habit whilst standing of shifting my weight from one foot to the other. Later I came to realise that involuntary action disconcerted Ms. Drinkall because in fact my action unwittingly interrupted her line of sight to her prompters.

416. The following Wednesday morning 13th February 2013 Butler bounded into Court clutching some papers which he proceed to wave vigorously about, ranting at the top of his voice as he marched up and down ... "and now I have this!"

Remarks which he directed at me venting his spleen concerning some unexplained implied conspiracy.

417. When eventually he paused for breath I stood and said... " Your Honour it would be useful to know what I stand accused of and perhaps you might kindly share these documents with

me” which he refused to do passing them to the Plaintiff’s barrister.

The explanation came from an example of one of these documents which is to be found in ‘Correspondence; Year 2014 ; first entry.

418. The reflection of hindsight leads me to the conclusion that in reality Butler was greatly upset by Warren and Lister’s unnecessary intervention because he had the pre written Judgment to hand and the control of proceeding firmly in his grip to reach the preordained conclusion that he and Winterbottom had agreed to.

419. Wednesday late morning on the 13th February 2013 I handed Barrister JCB’s comprehensive conclusive analyses to Butler stating simply that this was my Counterclaim for over £3 Million GBP.

420. After luncheon Butler handed the Counterclaim over to the Plaintiff’s barrister with the direction that he would not deal with at this stage in the Hearing but directed the Plaintiff to liaise with me in reaching a conclusion which unnaturally they failed to do until reminded twice of the Court’s Direction.

421. J. Mr.Copplestone-Bruce’s legal research and pension law reading intervention, which was communicated to the sitting Circuit Court Justice Butler was [which he promptly ignored] that myself and the other 166 disabled Lancashire Firefighters[and their Beneficiaries] far from being ‘overpaid’ were in fact of law being underpaid 25% of our pensions since their inception.

422. The following morning on Thursday 14th February His Honour Justice Butler without ceremony [rather gleefully I thought] handed down his Judgement the contents of which were not remotely surprising.

423. The ‘Judgement’ was that I was unlawfully forced to pay ‘restitution’ of £18,000.0[including interest]; plus Court costs of £27,468.0; to a total of £45,468.0. Because I and 166 other disabled FSVs had the temerity to challenge the LCFA’s corruption and fraud.

Raw Corruption ~ Miscarriage of Justice

424. I lodged a Letter of Appeal against Butler's Judgement complemented by a legal analyses of his gross misconduct. There was neither acknowledgement nor response from the "Best in the World".

425. This is the 'Leave to Appeal' verbatim:

My Ref: PB01613,

Case Number PR090110

Leave to Appeal.

I, Paul Peter Patrick Burns, acting in personam in the absence of legal aid and as Litigant-in-Person, seek leave to Appeal to the Court of Appeal and a Stay against the Judgment of HH Justice Butler handed down on Friday 12th April 2013 in Case No: PR090110 between Lancashire Combined Fire Authority (Claimants) and Paul Peter Burns (Defendant and Counter-claimant), held at Preston in the County Palatine of Lancashire.

Grounds for Leave to Appeal.

The Judge:

1.0. Wrongly decided that the Claimant's Claim was not avoided by the Statute of Limitations. He found against the weight of evidence and in contradiction of his own findings as set out in his judgment.

2.0. Wrongly decided that the Defendant had not informed the Claimant that he notified them that he was in receipt of a benefit, viz Reduced Earnings Income Allowance.

3.0. And/or in the alternative; if as claimed an oral notification was not made or; if as was evidenced, it was made but went un-noticed by the Claimant, the Justice wrongly decided that the Defendant's failure otherwise to reply to a request for information, constituted any deliberate concealment on the part of the Defendant such as to deny him judgment by operation of section 32(1) of the Limitation Act 1980.

4.0. And/or in the alternative, the Justice was wrong to hold that the Claimant was entitled to judgment by reason of any mistake avoiding any limitation period.

4.1. Having rightly stated the law requiring the Claimant to prove that it could not have discovered the relevant concealment or mistake earlier than it did without taking exceptional measures that it could not reasonably have been expected to take: *Paragon Finance v DB Thakrar and Company* [1999] 1 All ER 400 (at 418 per Millett LJ). The Justice misdirected himself by wrongly deciding that the Claimant's servant's conduct constituted reasonable diligence due in the case of a pension provider to come to know if a statutory benefit was being paid to a pensioner

4.2. The Justice was wrong to lend insufficient weight to the fact that the Claimant had in these proceedings and in their skeleton arguments admitted that not only had they made a mistake but that this mistake had led to overpayments to the Defendant.

4.3. The Justice confirmed that there was a “problem” with the effective administration of the pension scheme though he lends no weight to the point that a ‘mistake’, and maladministration in the case of the Defendant, was yet another example of this “Problem”.

5.0. The Justice was wrong to lend insufficient weight to the evidence of a Ms.Drinkall, retired, though formerly employed by the Claimant, who provided evidence in her letter of 23rd August 1999 that she had been informed by the Department of Work and Pensions that the Defendant had ‘applied for a payment of a benefit’ and that she had been ‘unable to obtain the information (as to an award) from him’ and that ‘the statutory pension regulations require any such award to be taken into account’ to which end she asks ‘if you have made an award to Mr. Burns and the amount payable’?

5.1. The Justice was wrong to avoid the legal consequences of her being clearly well seized of her need to do her duty as evidenced by her letter to the Defendant written on 19th July 1999 telling him. “I have received an enquiry from the Benefits Agency in respect of your application before them to pay you a Benefit and have now completed and returned the form to them on your behalf. I should be glad if you would let me know if you are successful in your application as the terms of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme require such benefits to be taken into account in respect of the calculation of injury awards.”

5.2. The Justice was wrong to dismiss as of no weight or effect the fact that Ms.Drinkall twice ‘diarised’ the matter forward between the two letters.

5.3. The Justice misdirected himself in finding that Ms.Drinkall had exercised reasonable diligence in then letting the matter drop apparently on the basis of a note of which she had no recollection at the trial 13 years later, being unable to say more than identify her initials on it, but apparently made by unidentified writer (though only two other people were employed) and which does not answer the question she requires to be answered but directly contradicts her understanding of the position, for it says no claim has been made when she knows for certain that is incorrect.

5.4. The Justice further misdirected himself in finding as a matter of law that Ms.Drinkall had exercised the diligence due to the conduct of the business of a pension provider in not troubling herself to call the number provided to query the message. Had she (and the Justice at trial) so troubled themselves they would have found that no Ms. Murray was employed by the DWP.

5.5. The Justice further misdirected himself in finding that, though Ms. Drinkall had no recollection of it - in his judgment noting “Asked if it was possible that she might have received the call but not recalled it, she frankly conceded that she could not be sure because she got a lot of phone calls at the time and of course she was being asked to recall an event which had allegedly occurred more than thirteen years ago’ - the Defendant’s evidence of a note by him

contemporaneously written on the letter he received from her in July 1999 answering the question she asked with 'Rang Joan and told her yes' was not to be relied upon.

5.6. The Justice further misdirected himself in construing the words 'Rang Joan and told her yes' as 'ambiguous' or capable of meaning 'that it was simply a confirmation that Mr .Bums would inform Ms. Drinkall if successful at some later date (the word "yes" being ambiguous)'.

5.7. The Justice was inconsistent and further misdirected himself by failing to apply the consequences of Ms. Drinkall's 'frank' concession to having no recollection of an event which she also professed to recall with remarkable and wholly inconsistent clarity when it suited her. Despite the clear contradiction the Justice noted and relied on what plainly was not from the witness's memory 'She told me in evidence, and I believe her to have been telling the truth, that the reason that she took no steps to verify the statement was that she interpreted it in a manner consistent with what she knew, that is to say she interpreted it to mean that no award had been made' when the documentary evidence indicated otherwise. To reverse herself required her to read 'claim' as 'award' though as a pension provider she was well aware of the distinction. It would seem that the Justice did not wish the evidence to stand in the way of the conclusions he wished to draw.

5.8. The Justice further misdirected himself in finding that Ms.Drinkall's conduct was only consistent with the Defendant not telling her on the phone that he had been given an award, when on her own evidence, she concedes he may have called her. If so, his information lacked the vital information which was the sum of the award to be taken into account – which was the sine qua non for the completion of her duty.

5.9. The Justice further misdirected himself in finding that an unsubstantiated, uncorroborated, and untested 3rd party note, of no known origin or author, and which did not answer the question, should be preferred to the documentary evidence produced by the Defendant and attested to under oath by him, a retired Divisional Fire Officer commanding some 400 men and women, and of 35.5+ years standing, of impeccable and unimpeachable record, and of international repute.

5.10. The Justice further misdirected himself by failing to consider the scope and effect of what legally constituted 'reasonable diligence'. A matter of considering other contexts in which the concept had been used to define such a standard of required conduct. Inter alia as the legally accepted guidance in defence under Section 173 of the Road Traffic Acts that, in terms, in many instances courts have considered due diligence to be discharged by 'doing one's reasonable best' which on any evaluation was a standard of which Miss Drinkwater's conduct fell short. Indeed, it was casual and even had it, on the face of it, given her the information she sought, accurately and in full, such information would have needed written confirmation to enable the provider's pension contractor to properly make deductions from any pension. Not to do so in the tax payer's interest is mutatis mutandis in this case and would have been no less a failure in diligence.

5.11. The Justice further misdirected himself by not being persuaded by the action taken to discover the Defendant's benefits position in 2011, by the simple expedient of making an ex parte Application, that it was not a failure in reasonable diligence in 1999 to so discover the fact.

6.0. The Justice further misdirected himself in any event that ‘an agreement to inform’ signed as part of the processing of the initial pension provision, could be taken in law to supplant the Claimant’s Statutory Duty, relieving them of their duty to exercise independent reasonable diligence, due in a pension provider.

6.1. The Justice further misdirected himself by failing to consider the manner and the methodology by which the Defendant was required to “inform” the Claimant of a receipt of any benefit when patently no definition or methodology existed on the form the Defendant was compelled to sign.

6.2. The Justice wrongly failed to consider the constancy of the Defendant in ‘informing’ that before extensive correspondence ensued the Defendant’s method of dealing with his pension provider was consistent throughout. On both occasions when pension queries were raised with him he responded by telephone; and on both occasions after informing the Claimant of the required information he completed contemporaneous notes.

6.3. In his Judgment the Justice confirms that the Claimant was informed twice at the very least (Defendant’s first call to Drinkall) of his receipt of a benefit but wrongly insufficient weight was attached to both these disclosures.

6.4. The Justice was wrong to accept hindsight, hearsay, conjecture, and speculation as facts on the thoughts and actions of a 3rd party witness Mrs. Lambert (Defendant’s second call to Lambert) but who had made no Statement; had not been subpoenaed; was not present; and had in fact retired from the LCC Pension Service in 2008.

7.0. The Justice was at length to explore the wording of a single ‘consent’ form but either failed during his read in day or was unaware that there were 5 different editions of the same form in circulation confirmed in the Defendant’s Statement. He gave no weight to the subtleties of law or legality in the different wording in these 5 forms by different authors and authorities including the DWP; the provider’s contractor; or the provider.

8.0. The Justice notes in paragraph one of his Judgment, ‘He (the Defendant) said that he was not embittered by being compulsorily retired, but it was clear to me that he had not regarded it as an unalloyed blessing. At the date of his compulsory retirement he was aged only 53 years 7 months’.

This finding was in direct contradiction to the recorded sanguinity of the Defendant’s evidence. The Justice failed to consider that the Fire Service, as in the police and armed forces, makes provision for an early retirement from a hazardous and arduous employment, that in reality 35.5+ years is considered a very long service well past the pensionable time of 30 years service.

He failed to accord the Defendant his internationally acclaimed service thereafter including his operational work recognised in the USA and globally, and otherwise his internationally published *works* used universally as a ‘standard’ within Fire Services including by the Claimant. The Justice was wrong to draw invidious conclusions and assume an MBE, though no doubt well deserved, should accord Ms. Drinkall the credibility which he denied the Defendant.

9.0. Without a scintilla of medical or anecdotal evidence the Justice decided that he could not rely on the Defendant's evidence because he considered the Defendant so over taxed by his wife's sudden death in June 2007 as to make him unreliable in November 2007. The Defendant repeatedly sought to distance himself from any such assumptions or assertions during the trial because such matters were entirely private and had no bearing whatsoever at the time or subsequently on his stance on the issues before the Court.

10.0. The Justice shaded the evidence and prejudiced himself on no evidence against the Defendant's interest in various ways and times during the trial.

On more than one occasion the Justice lost his temper and abruptly left the Court returning later without apology.

Describing the Defendant as 'bolshie' twice was uncalled for and untoward and conduct unbecoming a Justice but more to the point it indicates the judge's personal animus and pre-disposition against the Defendant who had no wish to have to seek to defend himself but in absence of legal aid had no option but to seek to do his best as a layman.

The Appellant feels that he was denied an impartial hearing and was denied justice in the face of judicial irritability, petulance, and bias throughout the trial.

11.0. On the 17th January 2012 in Case Management the case was transferred from the High Court to the County Court.

On the 18th January 2013 at a Pre Trial Review, one year later, acting on a written suggestion of the Defendant to make some progress, the Justice had ruled that he would try the Claim (Part 1) and the Counter-Claim(Part 2) one after the other as separate issues.

11.1. If the County Court was administratively unable due to workload, jurisdictionally incapable, or the Counter-claim in quantum exceeded CC jurisdiction as the Justice stated during his 12th April Judgment then the Pre Trial Review was the point at which the Defendant ought to have been appraised of these limitations rather than waste 5 days of Court time and the Defendant's potential costs to finally refer the matter back to the High Court from whence it had come.

11.2. Instead during the trial of the Part 1 Claim the Justice departed from the procedure of a Two Part Trial which he had agreed with both parties and which he had laid down at this Review, by admitting a great deal of Part 2 evidence, thus muddying the waters, evidence which went to the heart of the Defendant's Part 2 Counter-claim, as is apparent in his Judgment, allowing himself to be much prejudiced by these matters which should have been dealt with in Part 2 of the trial.

Part 2 issues which were not tested by the Defendant who understood he was dealing with the Part 1 Claim only at that point but which were subsequently included in the Judgment.

11.3. It was not until late on the third day of the trial that the Justice admitted that he had not read either of the Defendant's Statements in spite of having a reading-in day, he was uncertain which edition the Defendant preferred as his primary statement. The Defendant found this disconcerting because it was the principal plank of his Defence and Counter-claim.

11.4. The Justice decided without informing the Defendant at any point that he would abandon dealing with his Part 2 Counter-claim reserving this decision to be communicated during his Judgment.

Throughout the trial the Judge's time and Court management was in general poor, admitting in his Judgment that he had in effect underestimated the time required even though he had a read-in day to determine this. The management of the trial time was poor, rarely starting on time, and when commenced regularly informing both parties that at a certain time stipulated the Justice had to be elsewhere.

It was clear to the Defendant that at no point was the Justice comfortable when dealing with his case.

In the Judgment the Defendant was peremptorily informed that if wished to pursue his Counter-claim he would have to plead his case in the High Court— though both sides had accepted his original jurisdiction—thus ultimately denying the Defendant justice and a fair hearing and in the process putting fair play beyond his financial means in a punitive denial of Justice.

12.0. The Justice was at pains to seek to discover the Defendant's political and religious affiliations by commenting that he (HHJ) had "Irish blood in him"; further commenting on the Defendant's activities during the forthcoming St. Patrick's Day; and commenting on St. Peter and Paul's Day (the Defendant's birthday) in which he identified that the Defendant's names were the 'wrong way round' Paul before Peter, bringing into the case ethnicity and religion whilst making the point by confiding to the Defendant and the Court that he, the Judge, could not sit during 'Holy Week'.

12.1. The Defendant, who was distinctly uncomfortable and confused by the 'flagging up' of these personal observations, has served loyally since the early 60's in the UK wide Fire Service with distinction, and indeed has been recognised by HM Queen and three other Nations.

He felt strongly that his allegiances were being questioned and that whatever his religious and political persuasions if any were, and may or may not be, these should not be at issue in a Court of Law and it was wholly wrong of the Justice to prejudice the proceedings in such a way, or to in any way introduce such matters into the proceedings for purpose of an 'agenda' which the Defendant was unable to determine.

13.0. At the opening of the Judgment hearing the Justice explained the inordinate delay in reaching his judgment was occasioned by him seeking to accommodate both the Defendant and the Claimant's barrister in terms of leave they had sought making no reference to 'Holy Week' as previously. This is simply his economical recollection. No such Application was ever made by the Defendant simply because as he understood it the Court had primacy in such matters. Perhaps the election of a new Pope weighed more heavily in the circumstances?

13.1. The judgment Hearing which was set down for 3 hours on the 8th April 2013 was rescheduled to the 12th April 2013 and extended to a full day trial without explanation to the Defendant who was uncertain what this extension in time meant in defence preparatory terms but reasonably assuming his Part 2 Counter-claim was to be heard.

Considerable dialogue ensued during this daylong session after which the Defendant discovered that an Order had been made under CPR PD 39A Para6.1. that no court recording should be made.

This was never made clear at the opening of this session nor was any explanation proffered why it was necessary, thus final recourse to comments expressed during this session on the incapability of the County Court to hear Part 2 of the Counter-claim, which have been denied the Defendant, also inhibits any Appellant Courts' investigation that it might wish to mount.

13.2. Rather than adjourn judgment until the Part 2 Counter-Claim was dealt with the Justice gave judgment against the Defendant requiring him to make payment to the Claimants in a sum of over £46,000, though he well knew and had allowed into the Hearing, and accepted for a late claim to which the pension provider the Claimant took no exception, that the pension the Defendant had been paid over 15 years was patently not correctly calculated to the formulae prescribed by the material SI129 – that an underpayment of some £20,000.00 pa (subject to actuarial calculation) had been made when they well knew this Defendant, as with all pensioners, unquestioningly relied on their trust, integrity, and due diligence.

13.3. In view of the fact that the Claimant had already been unlawfully recovering the alleged debt (another matter which the Justice did not deal with properly) by the stoppage of his Injury award (£400pm) from 1st July 2008, the Defendant in exhibiting compliance to pay, asked the Court to approve his repayment of the alleged debt (some £13,000.00) over the period it had allegedly accrued.

This was denied.

The Defendant regarded such an action by the Justice as deliberately punitive and unwarranted in a trial which required subtleties of fair play in judgment in complex circumstances.

13.4. The Justice, in his method of delivering his judgment, departed from the usual procedure in seeking to avoid unnecessary appellate work by circulating a draft judgment to the parties for comment *before* it was handed down.

On this occasion the Justice afforded a Court adjourned reading time of 45 minutes which provided no opportunity for the Defendant to properly read and absorb the detail, well knowing the hardship that this would impose on the Defendant acting as Litigant-in-Person in seeking to mount any appeal, let alone to separately pursue his claim for his unpaid pension in the High Court.

13.5. In the event leave to Appeal was denied without reasons being given even though no such Application had been made, and which could not in any event have been given by the manner in which the Judgment was handed down.

13.6. In all these matters for the Justice to have so acted, in absence of any legal aid for the Defendant and given the time constraints imposed, the Justice has denied the Defendant Justice.

14.0. The serious matter which follows was neither alluded nor referred to in the Judgment.

14.1. On a morning following an earlier session of the Hearing the Justice received four written complaints from members of the public gallery and two reports from his Court officials(all confirmed by handwritten Witness Statements submitted via the Preston Court Office at the direction of one of these Court officials) of alleged irregularities taking place in his Court.

14.2 It appeared to these six witnesses that Miss Drinkall was being ‘coached’ through her evidence from the public gallery by the Claimant’s pension manager, a Mr. Warren and the Lancs CC Pensions Manager Mrs. Lister, both using iPads(or similar banned devices), whilst Ms.Drinkall was under cross examination by the Defendant on her witness statement, which may account for her

clarity at times on what detail may have otherwise escaped her and being described by the Justice as an “impressive oral witness”.

14.3. The Justice who stated he did not personally observe any irregularities was palpably enraged by these complaints, and after waving the statements around, then passed them to Counsel for the Claimant though they were never passed to the Defendant at any point for his elucidation.

14.4. The Justice then drew groundless conclusions without any investigation, even superficial, and without foundation commenced haranguing the Defendant wrongly accusing him of complicity and conspiracy with the Complainants in the gallery and including, one presumes, his own Court Officials and of making an Application on this matter, all of which the Defendant strenuously rejected.

14.5. The Public present, presumably including the Complainants, were then harangued for their obvious complicit action in conspiracy with the Defendant, actions which the Justice regarded as counterproductive stating that their actions could well cause an adverse judgment on the Defendant in his case.

14.6. Next the Court officials were petulantly taken to task for not interrupting the proceedings at the time and drawing the Judge’s attention to these irregularities which they had clearly identified, observed, and witnessed, and which they subsequently reported to him.

14.7. Quite wrongly the Justice irately asked the Defendant what he wanted done and insisted on an answer and took offence when the Defendant considered it to have nothing to do with him in a matter which allegedly occurred behind his back whilst engaged in cross examining Ms. Drinkall on her Statement and that any alleged misconduct in Court was exclusively a matter for the Justice to deal with, not he.

14.8. The Justice persisted stating that there was no official guidance available to him in such matters; that he had never come across such a matter before; and words to the effect that ‘he was having to make it up as he went along’ but would seek official guidance during his lunch recess.

14.9. Nevertheless the Judge, in an abrogation of his duty, was insistent that the Defendant propose a course of action to the Justice which he reluctantly did, though the Justice subsequently failed to follow the Defendant’s suggestions up.

14.10. At no time did the Justice take immediate action to suspend the proceedings whilst he investigated these serious allegations ultimately deciding not to refer the matter to the Police for the investigation of the criminal suborning of the Claimant’s principal witness in the Witness Box by the Claimant’s own other witnesses all under oath in his Court even though the matter was subsequently reported by a member of the Public to the Police and ultimately to the Office for Judicial Complaints.

15.0. The Judge’s reaction to this peculiar situation was simply unacceptable; without even superficial investigation he jumped to incorrect conclusions; he impugned the Defendant, the Public, and his own Court Officials integrity; he failed to take a mature measured approach after

seeking senior judicial advice(if he did so), preferring to act on immediate personal animus and whimsy which was fundamentally wrong and unfair; all of his indecisiveness and miscalculations led to a fundamental failure to stamp his authority on his Court and by failing to do so brought himself and his Court into disrepute.

15.1. Unfortunately the Defendant was incapable of calling for a mistrial at this point in these extraordinary circumstances because he was unable to contemplate what the necessary court procedure was.

16.0. And the Defendant seeks leave of the honourable court to Appeal, a stay in execution of the Judgment being appealed until after determination of the Counter-claim; a Counterclaim which could far exceed the claim and pending an investigation of misconduct by the Claimant's staff in suborning their own primary witness Ms.Drinkall whilst she was under oath and under cross examination by the Litigant-in-Person.

Statement of Truth.

Insofar as the matters to which I refer in this document are within my own knowledge and recollection, they are true; insofar as they are not within my own direct knowledge they are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Paul P. Burns.
Litigant-in-Person.

426. Deeply concerned over how poorly the Justice had dealt this deplorable state of affairs I decided to take the matter up starting with the Court Manager Mrs Kelly:



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My Ref: PB02914.
Your Ref: PR090110.

**Case No: PR090110
LFRS**

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Mr. Paul P Burns

Dear Mrs Kelly,

1. I visited the Court this morning and asked to speak with you. In your absence I met and spoke with Ms. Julia Fleming in the Private Interview Room at 10:35hrs concluding at 10:50hrs.

2. On 12th February 2013, in front Circuit Court Justice Butler, I, as Litigant-in-Person, was examining the LFRS principal witness Ms. J. Drinkall.

3. Two other LFRS staff with an interest, a Mr. Warren and a Mrs. Lister, both sitting behind me together, so out of my sight, were apparently so blatantly coaching Ms. J. Drinkall in the giving of her evidence, that it was independently noted by 4 members of the public, as well as, separately, the Clerk to the Court (Male) and his principal Usher (Female).

4. When raised by a member of the public both Court Officials indicated they would be reporting these events to Justice Butler, but in the interim the Clerk to the Court instructed these four persons to immediately report their observations to the Court Manager, which they did, Statements were taken and were duly handed to the Justice by the Court Officials. I subsequently learnt that you, Mrs Kelly, were that manager, on whose good advice each prepared a contemporaneous Witness Statement, all of which were handed in. As a serious matter, I have assumed both the Court Officials mentioned also noted the event.

5. With the benefit of Ms. J. Drinkall's evidence Mr. Warren briefly gave further evidence.

6. Having been told of the matter, with Statements in hand as he resumed sitting, the Justice was clearly angry. He accused me of influencing what I had known nothing at all about. I made that plain to him, indeed, clearly I could have had nothing to do with what I could not see and I could not have influence what court officials present or the public saw sufficient to alarm all of them independently. He then abruptly asked me, to the best of my recollection, "What do you expect me to do about it?", to which I replied "It is not for me to say, your Honour, it is your Court". The Judge, after brief thought, resumed the hearing and nothing else was done, or heard of about it.

On mature reflection and advice I now think the Justice was wrong. I believe the impartial course of action would have been to hold that the Court had been held in contempt and that perjury and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice had taken place. I also think the Justice should have taken particular note of the passage of the evidence being given when the conduct complained of was active.

This was when Ms. J. Drinkall recalled seeing some 15 years ago, a note, which, unusually since it affected a pension entitlement, had not, prompted any usual expected formal written confirmation at the time, or later. What she otherwise recalled in her evidence was that the note had been casually written in pencil across the corner of a page of one of her files, but not by her, nor in the hand of anyone else employed neither in her office, nor by anyone else who might have had access to files in her office. Noted was, on the face of it, a phone message made by someone from the DWP dealing with the file there, but who, on investigation was as unknown to the DWP as was the recipient to the LRFS. The witness seems not, at the time, to have made any enquiry. The Justice accepted on this evidence that the LRFS had knowledge to avoid a statutory limitation period for a claim of overpayment.

7. Later the Justice gave a verdict against me based on Ms. J. Drinkall's evidence.

8. Though in my 70's I remain sufficiently disturbed and concerned that others may feel less than served well by the system as it is, to take this matter forward to the Attorney General, as a criminal matter within his purview, the Lord Chief Justice, as a matter of Judicial concern, and the Minister of Justice/Lord Chancellor's Office for investigation and review.

9. Accordingly I would be obliged if you would provide me with copies of the six witness statements of those who witnessed these events.

Unfortunately I am unable to proffer the two names of your staff who were involved; no doubt your records will identify those on duty and present in the Court.

I append the names of the four members of the public who made statements to you:

- a) Mr. R. Berry,
- b) Mr. W. Hewitt (deceased) though I have a supplementary statement from his widow who was also present,
- c) Mrs. P. Galpin,
- d) Mr. J. S. Hinton.

Should you require contact details, I can supply them but I would imagine they are in their statements.

This is a formal letter of request for the record and to note my meeting with your deputy Ms Julia Fleming, who very patient and kindly undertook to locate the statements for me.

Yours Sincerely,



Paul P. Burns. GIFireE
Divisional Fire Officer (Rtd)

The Sequels

427. Sequel No1. Needless to say this Application to the High Court Seeking Leave to Appeal to the High Court was neither acknowledged nor responded to which as we progressed into the Judicial system starting with the Pension Ombudsman became the strict etiquette of stone walling obmutescence a 'standard' set by a "World Class" Lord Chief Justice.

428. In the case of recovering the Witness Statements lodged at Preston Crown Court I received a 'coded' written warning from Butler via Warren[of all people] and in a subsequent formal reply from Butler he invited me for a cosy chat in Chambers if he could find the time for me. I politely declined because in any event I hold copies of the original statements.

429. I was a volunteer at the magnificent St.Walburge's Catholic Church in Preston, in fact I was head of the 'vacuum' squad and lo and behold Butler appeared at an early Mass. He seemed over anxious to meet me but I studiously ignored his presence. At a distance I followed him out into Maudland St where he climbed into his Range Rover and aptly went off to his fiefdom in rather a Maudlin mood one imagines.

430. A few months later his blatant corruption, lack of integrity, and dishonesty was to be his undoing both because of my so called Hearing and another coupled two Hearings involving the infamous case in Lancashire of the 'Zombie' children over which Butler presided as the Head of the Family Court.

In spite of issuing an edict that he would sack anyone who spoke out from his Court he refused to be interviewed by the BBC but because he could not suppress, nor contain or publicly silence the Truth this embarrassment was forced into early retirement at the astonishing age of 53 as an 'independent', 'impartial', and 'incorruptible', "Best in the World" Justice who actually ought to have been jailed.

431. Sequel No2. Ms Jen Mills reported the following on the 'Zombie' children on Thursday 9th March 2017.

"Parents have been sentenced for child neglect after they left their four kids in conditions so bad they were described as 'zombies'.

The four children, all under five, were rescued by chance after police saw the walls covered in excrement and used nappies strewn across bare floors.

They lived in 'feral and dangerous' conditions in the property in Leyland, Lancashire, a court heard. Police visited the house for an unrelated reason and were left retching by an overpowering stench, with one of them throwing up in his mouth.

They found the children, dirty, dishevelled and wearing only nappies or T-shirts, living in the disgusting conditions.

The court heard the youngsters did not show emotion and were 'for all intents and purposes dumb – described as like zombies.'

They were so thirsty and hungry that officers went to buy them food because there was nothing in the kitchen except cannabis in a slow cooker.

A screaming girl was trapped under a bed frame in a room full of faeces and flies, police said.

Two toddlers were in a bedroom with excrement smeared on walls, soiled bedding and exposed carpet rods.

Officers found a baby was in a bouncer two feet away from a halogen heater, naked except for a nappy. After police raised concerns, the children were taken into care.

However, they were allowed back to live with their birth parents after a Family Court [HH Justice Philip Butler [Best in the World] 3 years earlier decided it was in their best interests.

Their parents, who cannot be named to protect the children's identities, each admitted four counts of child neglect when they appeared at Preston Crown Court yesterday.

The father, aged 23, was jailed for 14 months, while the mother, 29, also received a 14-month jail sentence but this was suspended for two years, with a rehabilitation requirement to deal with her mental health conditions.

Detective Constable Lee Bradshaw-Wood, of Lancashire Police, said: 'These people displayed an abject failure to provide basic care for such young, vulnerable children.

'The investigation established the feral and dangerous conditions that these poor children were living in.

Justice Mark Brown, criticised the council's approach to the case, asking why the parents had been given 'chance upon chance upon chance' after learning their access to the children had continued.

Amanda Hatton, director of children's services, Lancashire County Council, said: 'We put this matter before a Family Court and recommended that the children be looked after away from the family home with extended family as their permanent placement.

However, the Family Court [Best in the World"] Butler did not agree with this position and the children were placed back in the care of their parents with the local authority undertaking close monitoring of the case.

We are now working with extended family members to ensure the ongoing safety and wellbeing of the children."

Appendix 'B' : Attached.

432. Provides in full the UK final *"Extraordinary Appeal"* [bundle-203 pages] lodged at and through the Court of Appeal to the Supreme Court and subsequently denied de facto 'due process' and the Human Right to Justice by means of the Rejection by Judicial Obmutescent and Stonewalling, at the UK Supreme Court by the President of the Supreme Court Lord Reed, Baron Reed of Allermuir PC, via his Registrar Mrs. Louise de Mambros PC who declared in writing that President Lord Reed... *"could not help"*...does not state whether or not it was presented to the Lord President.

433. Copied and Recorded Delivery to the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Ian Duncan Burnett, Baron Burnett of Maldon PC,["Best in the World"] who throughout, maintained at arm's length a denial of de facto 'due process' and the Human Right to Justice by means of Rejection by Judicial Obmutescent and Stonewalling, including neither acknowledging nor responding.

434. Copied and Recorded Delivery to the [Best in the World] Master of the Rolls Rt. Hon Sir Geoffrey Vos PC, who throughout, maintained at arms's length a denial of de facto 'due process' and the Human Right to Justice by Rejection by Judicial Obmutescent and Stonewalling with the active and directed complicit assistance of his 'key' Freemason Civil Servants.

Appendix 'C' : Attached.

435. A Report, [bundle-59 pages Ref PB00321] submitted to the Chair of the Select Public Accounts Committee, Dame Megan Hillier OBE MP, at the Committee's request, by Recorded Delivery and *By Hand* to Dame Megan Parliamentary and Constituency office in London and although she acknowledged receipt at the PAC office and her Parliamentary and Constituency Offices she chose not to act upon its content in abrogation of her Parliamentary duty.

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436. Research with the Parliamentary support of a MP Tim Farron MP [former Liberal Leader] and the Labour Chair of the Select Pensions Committee Sir Stephen Timms MP elucidated the fact that UK Nationwide over 11,000 disabled Firefighters and an estimated 30,000 Beneficiaries were in a similar predicament to their colleagues in Lancashire to an estimated 'underpayment' to the value of £5Bil+, GBP.

437. Bibliographies of particularly interesting legal Documents of Note:
Found on The Morning Bugler [TMB] /Libraries/Correspondence/Year; Bugler produced Documents. Year is indicated by document's last two digits, e.g., 11 ~ Year Twenty Eleven.

TMB/Libraries/Correspondence/:

Year 2010 & 2011 ~ Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service~REA Not-Deductible letter;

Year 11 ~ PB04511 Application for Court Order for LCFA to Disclose Defence critical documents;

Year 11 ~ PB00112 Court Orders ~ Specific Disclosure By LCFA;

Year 11 ~ PB00212 Defence & Counterclaim Court case management Hearing on 10th January 2012;

Year 13 ~ PB00413 Statement of Fact and Truth;

Year 13 ~ PB00913 Application to Court of Preliminary determination and for Compensation;

Year 13 ~ PB01713 Meanings of Words;

Year 13 ~ PB01813 More meanings of Words;

Year 13 ~ PB01913 Statement of Claim in Law;

Year 13 ~ PB02013 Full Counterclaim ~ Full Calculations ~ Full Debt ~ Pages 17/18.

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