

1 **Wednesday, 19 March 2025**

2 **(12.00 pm)**

3 **(Proceedings delayed)**

4 **(2.00 pm)**

5 **LADY JUSTICE THIRLWALL:** I am very sorry to have started so

6 much later than I had said yesterday. It is my

7 intention to give an *extempore* judgment today. This

8 means that it may need a bit of tidying up in order to

9 become a formal ruling but I hope that it will be

10 possible for everyone to understand the basis of the

11 decision after I have finished speaking.

12 **(2.16 pm)**

13 **(Ruling)**

14 **(2.50 pm)**

15 **LADY JUSTICE THIRLWALL:** Does anyone want to ask anything or

16 seek any clarification at the moment?

17 No. All right.

18 So it remains only for me, then, to extend my

19 profound thanks to the staff of Liverpool City Council,

20 who have made the Inquiry run so smoothly, and they have

21 done so with great kindness. The people of Liverpool

22 have made us very welcome and I know that is the view of

23 everyone in the room.

24 I thank the Inquiry team, counsel, solicitors,

25 paralegals and the secretariat, and the team responsible

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1 **LADY JUSTICE THIRLWALL:** I will rise now.

2 **(2.53 pm)**

3 **(The Inquiry adjourned)**

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1 for the audio-visuals in the hearing room.

2 My profound thanks go to the parents for their

3 participation, their presence, whether in the hearing

4 room or online, for their many contributions to the work

5 of the Inquiry.

6 I agreed to carry out a thorough inquiry as

7 swiftly as possible. I thank all the people in the room

8 whose efforts have made swiftness and thoroughness

9 possible. I thank those who have supported the

10 witnesses and enabled them to contribute effectively,

11 and to those who have made the experience easier for

12 those members of the public who wanted to observe the

13 proceedings, which have been truly public. No one has

14 been turned away, and I am grateful in particular to the

15 Coroner's Courts Support Service.

16 This is the last of the hearings in this phase of

17 the Inquiry and we now move on to the next phase, which

18 for me is the writing of the report. That is my

19 responsibility and I will begin that work in earnest

20 tomorrow. As I have said, I will keep the publication

21 date under review, but it is still my intention to

22 publish the report in November of this year.

23 Ms Langdale, I think that concludes the business

24 of this part of the Inquiry.

25 **MS LANGDALE:** It does, thank you, my Lady.

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