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Email sent by Graham Burgess to Councillors Phil Davies, Jeff Green and Phil Gilchrist on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Phil, Jeff and Phil

I am writing in response to a letter I have received from Councillor Phil Davies which in turn relates to a letter he received from Councillor Jeff Green. For ease of reference I attach both letters.

Councillor Davies requests that I consider the best method to investigate concerns and complaints raised by Councillor Green which are set out in the letter attached. I have considered this matter carefully and as it is a complaint against a Member, although at this point the Member is not identified, I have decided to appoint Joe Blott as Deputy Monitoring Officer to handle this case and he will conduct the investigation under the Members' Code of Conduct which can be found by clicking this link here

I understand that it is Joe Blott's intention to appoint an independent investigator to look into these matters and he will share with you the name of this person and take your views into account as to their suitability.

Both Joe Blott and I will be happy to meet you as a group or individually if you wish to consider any matters relating to this procedure however no doubt he will wish to do this expeditiously whilst ensuring a thorough investigation.

The outcome of the investigation will be dealt with in line with the procedures set out in the Members Code of Conduct.

Regards

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