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Dear Mr Blott

We write to you in response to your letters dated the 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2013 including Mr Peter McKay consultant for Eversheds LLP letter dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2013 in relation to breaches of Wirral Council's Code of Conduct.

Mr [REDACTED] clearly informed you that this group would not be prepared to be involved in another investigation. You were also clearly informed not to contact this group again

Despite that clear request you still went ahead and wrote to Mr [REDACTED] on the above dates including your instructed correspondents from Mr McKay to Mr [REDACTED] and the other Whistleblowers.

The correspondents from you and Mr McKay show no mention to the true course of events that have been reported to Wirral Council. Both you and Mr McKay have made no reference to the involvement and implication of Wirral's Chief Executive Mr Graham Burgess in this matter.

Likewise there is also no mention of the political cohesion (Smear Deal) from the Wirral Labour party that was set up with the whistleblowers on behalf of the Deputy Mayor Mr Foulkes including others, against Jeff Green the Wirral conservative leader. You indicated you had spoken to the Council Leader Mr Phil Davies with regards to this matter. When this above detail was communicated to you your response was no comment.

Have Wirral Council's senior officer's and politicians lost sight of the fact we were directly employed by Wirral Council. The point being in that we know Wirral's procedures and policies inside out, and are again alarmed that they have not been followed with regards to this matter.

If the concerns that we raised with the Council leader had been directed at junior or middle managers would they have automatically been suspended from site? The answer is yes, however there are clearly different rules in place at Wirral Council, and this issue proves that.

This new investigation along with the numerous Hespe investigations, including our detrimental treatment has lead to a considerable amount of stress being compounded onto this group over the last five years.

The words transparent and due process are used by Wirral Council. Clearly by the detail of the correspondents and the breach of Wirral's own rules and regulations there is no transparency or due process in this matter.

We will however give you the opportunity to reconsider how this matter is being handled.

Yours Sincerely

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