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At the time of Wirral Councils internal investigation into the Hesper Whistleblow it was decided by us to report the matter to the leading elected members.

We then decided to report our concerns Councillor Steve Foulkes, Councillor Simon Holbrook, and Councillor Jeff Green.

Councillor Holbrook did not appear interested however Councillor Foulkes did take the matter seriously and stated an immediate investigation. Councillor Jeff Green came back to us after around two weeks and stated he was going to the top officers of Wirral and that he would get the matter sorted out.

Councillor Jeff Green came back to the Whistleblowers after around a week and asked to meet with us.

We met with Councillor Jeff Green and were seriously shocked to what he stated. He informed this group that Steve Maddox and James Wilkie had sworn him to secrecy and that he was unable to do anything about the matter. Councillor Jeff Green then stated that he thought the only way to move forward was to contact one of his friends in the local media and blow Councillor Steve Foulkes out of the water.

This terrified us, it was the first time we had any involvement with politicians. We informed Councillor Jeff Green that we did not want this matter to be used like a political football and that Councillor Foulkes was also investigating the matter. Councillor Jeff Green then became irritated and used some foul language and was asked to leave by two of the members of the group.

We would also like to put on record that it was this group that anonymously emailed all 66 members to report that Colas had raised a claim against Wirral Council totalling over two million pounds. We did this anonymously due to fear over what Jeff Green had said to us.

What further terrified us was Councillor Leslie Rennie's formal response to our anonymous email.

Councillor Leslie Rennie formally announced that Colas had not raised any claim and that our allegation was false. The District Auditor has now clearly shown that indeed a claim from Colas was submitted to Wirral totalling over two million pounds.

