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| Meeting: | Extraordinary Council – Council Publication |
| Date: | Monday 17 th October |
| Proposed by: | Cllr. Jeff Green |
| Seconded by: | Cllr. Lesley Rennie |

Council believes that it was a serious miscalculation not to share the letter that the Leader of the Council had received from Marcus Jones MP, Minister for Local Government, Department for Communities and Local Government reminding the Council to abide by the Recommended Code of Practice for Local Authority Publicity with Members of the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Council is extremely concerned that this omission further increases the likelihood that the Secretary of State will issue a notice of intention to serve a direction under Section 4a of the Local Government Act.

Council understands that the Publicity Code is designed to help maintain a healthy, vibrant, free press as an important tool in providing information for the public to hold their local authority to account. Council newspapers, issued frequently and designed to resemble a local newspaper can mislead members of the public reading them that they are local newspapers covering council events and give communities a biased view of the activities of the council.

Council therefore urges the Leader of the Council and his Cabinet to abandon this expensive exercise in spin and control before anymore hardworking Council Taxpayers money or officer time is expended on this vanity project.

