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Dear Linda

Firstly may I wish you and yours a Happy New Year; however, I'm having to write to you on a less than positive note.

Just before the end of last year it was brought to my attention by Graham that you had still not written to apologise in accordance with the Hearing Panel's decision. This is despite your solicitor giving an undertaking on the day that you would apologise. (This was something that was taken into account when the Panel reached its decision on sanctions). Not only have you failed to comply with the Panel's decision but you have also ignored my personal request for you to comply. I must say, Linda, that I do take this personally as I consider it to display a lack of respect not only of my role on the Council but also to me as a colleague.

It is clear from the lack of apology and your protestations in the written press that you do not agree with the decision; however, this is not the point: The decision was reached by your peers with no political or other considerations simply an examination of the evidence put to us. You are not happy with our findings and decision but surely you can recognise the damage your behaviour is doing not only to you but your Councillor colleagues and more broadly the Council.

Therefore I would like to ask you one final time to make the requisite apologies so we can move on from this matter.

If I have not been advised that the apologies have been made within the next 7 days, I will have no option but to refer the matter to the full Standards Committee so they can consider what should be done.

Regards

Norman







