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**Date** 20 June 2016

Dear Councillor Haddock

## **Complaint of Alleged Misconduct**

Thank you for your letter dated 12 June 2016 of which I acknowledge receipt.

In response to your letter, I shall address each paragraph chronologically, where appropriate to do so.

Paragraph 1 and in turn, paragraph 5 -

Whilst for your information I provided you with a full copy of the said report, I have requested that the Assistant Director, Frances Hughes provides me with a redacted copy which seeks to remove any information that would not be appropriate to put in to the public domain. It is this said report which will be an addendum to my report and shall be made available to the public. The date of publish will be in accordance with the requirements of a Standard Committee Hearing.

As stated, the report will be redacted. In respect of cross examination, your legal team will be able to ask questions of the Assistant Director, Frances Hughes who is the author of the said report.

Paragraph 2 –The purpose of the report dated 14 March 2016 is to determine whether your assertions in the Herald Express article dated 3 February 2016 were accurate and whether you had acted in accordance with that reasonably expected of you as an appointed Councillor. It is not and has never been requested for the purpose to champion a claim that the Council did everything right.

Paragraphs' 3 and 4 –

I respectfully submit that whilst this is of interest to you, it is not relevant to my investigation and shall not feature in the findings of my report.

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In concluding, I ask that you await receipt of my report before submitting further questions. My reason for this respectful request is that the report may answer any questions you may have and if it does not, it will be appropriate for you to raise these at a subsequent Standards Committee Hearing.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Barlow Deputy Monitoring Officer