

Appendix F1 - Comments from Complainant on the Investigator's Report

Dear Mr Lingard,

Thank you for sharing your considerations with me.

While you have recognised the breach of 4.1 (a) you have not within this recognised the fundamental point of how debate is enabled.

In my view if there is a lack of courtesy and respect for the position of the Chairman (whoever that might be) then no debate can take place. In my 8 years at West Berkshire Council I have been impressed that this has been a principle that has been followed and adhered to.

While you recognise Cllr Abbs breach in terms of Cllr A-W you make no mention of the lack of courtesy and respect given to the Chair.

While I appreciate your comments that I may have handled that situation differently you are viewing this as an isolated incident, whereas I unfortunately had experienced this type of behaviour many times from Cllr Abbs and therefore wanted to be clear it would not be tolerated yet again.

Other than those two points I have nothing further to add.

Kind Regards
Lynne Doherty