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To whom it may concern.

**Re: Councillor Elwyn Schofield.**

**Discussions regarding Chairmanship of a Corporate Scrutiny Committee.** In discussions within the Original Independents Group on a choice of member from outside the group for the Chairmanship the name of Councillor Cliff Everett was given unanimous support. On the night Plaid Cymru complained that no discussion between the coalition groups had taken place prior to the meeting. A meeting of the members of the committee took place on the evening. The nomination of Cllr Everett was proposed and seconded at the committee meeting. At the meeting Councillor C.L. Everett declined to accept being nominated. Members of the committee then had to make an alternative nomination.

Following a Draft Annual Audit Report by Price Waterhouse Coopers, the document was responded to by the Officers without the knowledge or input of the Executive. The Leader and Executive requested the right to comment and subsequently a response was produced and sent to the Wales Audit Office. This letter was not seen by some members of the Executive prior to its dispatch. It was later discovered that it contained the phrase - Malfeasance in Public Office -. A phrase outside our normal usage or knowledge. This letter was only seen retrospectively on request by members. This phrase led to the intervention by the Auditor General's Office. This related to actions by the Council with regard to the purchase of Graigwen, Amlwch. An issue for which the Monitoring Officer had referred to as unlawful. The chief protagonist and adviser on this was Councillor Clive McGregor, quoting legal advice he had received from the Legal department of Bangor University "You are in a pit of snakes!" In addition to the above the new Executive was experiencing difficulties with Corporate Management and sought the advice of the WLGA. Five members attended meetings in South Wales where during discussions Cllr Clive McGregor referred to the "Three Green Bottles", as reported to us by the members who were present.

At a subsequent meeting of the Original Independents Group it appeared that instructions had been given for the letter to be withdrawn. The Leader, Cllr C. McGregor, gave his advice that there would be no apology or withdrawal of the letter. There was a comment of regret of the situation that had arisen between the Executive and Management. Then without explanation, the members of the Executive were approached individually and not collectively to sign the letter of apology. Those who had not seen the letter before its dispatch signed the letter to bring closure to the matter.

It is regrettable that we had appointed a councillor as Leader, whose leadership decisions led the authority to a position of conflict forcing him to retract and resulting in serious problems for the authority