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Dear Councillor Schofield

Code of conduct complaint made against you by Councillor William John Chorlton, 80 Penrhyn Geiriol, Trearddur Bay, Anglesey LL65 2YW

I refer to previous correspondence concerning the complaint made against you by Councillor Chorlton. In view of the fact that the letter has been withdrawn and an apology made by the other members of the Executive I have decided that the interests of the Council are best served by me discontinuing my investigation.

I understand that you believe that the letter should not have been withdrawn and that you have chosen not to apologise for the content, although to do so would facilitate the improvement of the working relationship between the elected members and the officers of Isle of Anglesey County Council. Whilst I am disappointed by your decision I consider that to continue with the investigation in your case alone would not be the appropriate course of action at this stage. However, should you raise the issues again I will be minded to reconsider the content of this complaint in any future investigation.

It should not be taken that in discontinuing this investigation I condone the actions of the Executive in writing the letter. My view is that had the investigation continued and the matter proved, as one of the members responsible for the content of the letter, your conduct would have amounted to a serious breach of the Code of Conduct, one which would have led to a significant sanction being imposed.

Yours sincerely



Peter Tyndall
Ombudsman