

APPENDIX 6

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Dear Helen

I am writing to confirm that which I have stated to you orally when I received the copy of the Simon Goacher into the complaints from SISU and others regarding the conduct of Councillors Lucas and Mutton.

I understand that I have received the report my role as the Independent Person on the Ethics Committee to enable me to consider and comment on the report and to highlight any concerns I might have regarding the report itself or the manner in which the investigation leading to it has been undertaken.

In completing his report, Mr Goacher has remained focused on the allegations brought forward by the complainants insofar as they relate to the Coventry City Council Code of Conduct as adopted by the Council in July 2012. He states on several occasions that there are matters brought forward by the complainants which go beyond the requirements of the Code of Conduct but relates his conclusions only on matters as they pertain to the allegation of breaches of the Code of Conduct.

The report highlights the documents that have been reviewed and the interviews that have been conducted. It states that all parties have had the opportunity to review the notes of their interviews and confirm that the details contained within the notes are accurate.

It is not my role to re-examine or investigate the complaint. I am limiting my comments therefore to whether I have concerns on the report or the manner in which the investigation has been conducted. I can confirm that having read the report I have no concerns regarding it, its conclusions or the manner in which it has been conducted.

I can confirm that I have no conflicts of interest with regard to any of the subject matter relating to this case in that I am not a member of any football club and have only ever visited the Ricoh Arena in a professional capacity linked to my role at the University of Warwick.

Yours sincerely



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