

TO THE MEMBERS OF TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

C/o Martyn Knappett, Deputy Monitoring Officer

Dear Members,

I am writing with regard to the complaint made against me by the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer about an incident that occurred on 8 October 2013 on Twitter.

As you will be aware I was suspended by the Conservative Group following the tweet and this suspension came to an end on 31 December 2013. I completely accept the decision of the Conservative Group regarding my suspension, and served this suspension with full cooperation including disabling my Twitter account and accepting a suspension of my Council committee activities. I also sent a written apology to the Chief Executive of the Council, the Chairman of the Clacton Conservative Association and the Leader of the Council and Conservative Group expressing my regret for my action.

The Investigating Officer's report concludes that I breached the Members' Code of Conduct when sending the tweet. I accept this finding and wish to apologise to the Chairman of the Council, its Members and to officers for this breach of the Code.

I have voluntarily suggested undertaking media training (including social media) and hope to complete this training as soon as the Council can facilitate it. I have also written to the Chief Executive asking for all Members to be offered this training.

I will continue to represent the Council, and my residents, to the best of my ability and with the success that I have done so up until now.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Mayzes', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Cllr Danny Mayzes