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Date 13 November 2017

Our ref: MC/

Your ref:

Mr Prem Goyal OBE JP, CC
Members' Room
Guildhall
EC2P 2EJ

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Goyal

Complaint by Alderman Sir Michael Bear against Mr Prem Goyal

An Assessment Sub-committee of the Standards Committee met on 13th November 2017 to consider the complaint submitted by Alderman Sir Michael Bear against Mr Prem Goyal which was received on 25th October 2017.

I am instructed by the Sub-committee to inform you of their decision.

The Sub-committee consisted of Alderman David Graves, Ann Homes (Chairman), Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark and Judith Barnes (independent co-opted member). Also present was Neil Asten, an "Independent Person" appointed under s.28 of the Localism Act 2011, whose views were sought by the Sub-Committee before reaching its decision.

The Sub-committee's decision was as follows:-

- (a) Having considered the complaint and comments submitted by Mr Goyal on it, the Sub-committee decided that given Mr Goyal's admission of a breach of the Code of Conduct the matter should not proceed to investigation subject to his compliance with the actions set out in paragraphs (i) to (iii) below.
 - (i) That within 7 days of the date of this letter, Mr Goyal issues a letter of apology and an undertaking not to use Corporation's resources for inappropriate purposes in breach of the Members' Code of Conduct to the Court of Common Council in the form set out in the Schedule.
 - (ii) That within 14 days of the date of this letter, Mr Goyal attends training on the Members' Code of Conduct with the Monitoring Officer.
 - (iii) That Mr Goyal reimburses the Corporation for the cost of production of the leaflets the subject of the complaint, as determined by the Director of IS, within 14 days of receipt of such determination.

- (b) That the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman and the Independent Person, be authorised to commence an investigation of the complaint and bring a report to the Hearings Sub-committee in the event that Mr Goyal fails to comply with the steps set out in (a)(i)-(iii) above to the Monitoring Officer's reasonable satisfaction.
- (c) That the report of the Monitoring Officer and its appendices, this decision letter and any apology received from Mr Goyal, be accessible to the public in the usual way pursuant to the access to information provisions of Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Cogher
Comptroller & City Solicitor
Monitoring Officer

Schedule

Form of Apology

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
c/o The Town Clerk
Guildhall
London
EC2P 2EJ

November 2017

Dear Lord Mayor

Breach of the Members' Code of Conduct

I refer to the decision letter dated 13th November 2017 conveying the decision of the Assessment Sub-committee of the Standards Committee on 13th November 2017 on the complaint made by Sir Michael Bear against me on 25th October 2017.

I would like to offer my sincere and unreserved apology to you and the other members of the Court of Common Council for my inappropriate use of Corporation printing facilities for electoral purposes in breach of the Members' Code of Conduct (paragraphs 1(a) and 2(i)).

I also undertake to the Court that I will not at any time in the future use Corporation resources, including (but not limited to) communication and printing facilities, meeting rooms, and hospitality and other privileges extended to me by the Corporation by virtue of my office for inappropriate purposes, including political purposes, and I will fully comply with all of the provisions of the Members' Code of Conduct whilst an elected member of the Corporation.

Finally, I agree to undertake training with the Monitoring Officer and reimburse the Corporation for the cost of the leaflets the subject of the complaint as stipulated by the Assessment Sub-committee.

Yours sincerely,

Prem Goyal, OBE JP