NOTES OF INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED BREACH OF DATA PROTECTION

Background:

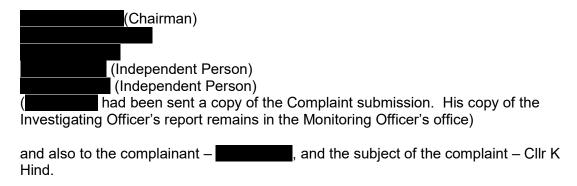
- On 2 October 2018, the LancashireTelegraph published an article reporting on an investigation relating to allegations of bullying and public misconduct in relation to Cllr K Hind. The article referred to a number of documents that had been passed to the press, a number of which were confidential. As directed by the Chief Executive I then commenced an investigation to find out who may have 'leaked' the documents to the press.
- 2. I spoke with the Monitoring Officer and Investigating Officer to establish who had been given the documents referred to in the article.

Findings:

1. The Monitoring Officer and the Investigating Officer had seen full copies of the complaint submission and the investigating officer's report – "the bundle". Both of them confirmed that they had not given any documents to the press or shared them with anyone else.

All documents and statements had been typed by the Investigating Officer on her own PC. All documents had been photo-copied in the legal office by the Investigating Officer and the Administration Officer – The Administration also confirmed that she had not given any documents to the press or shared them with anyone else.

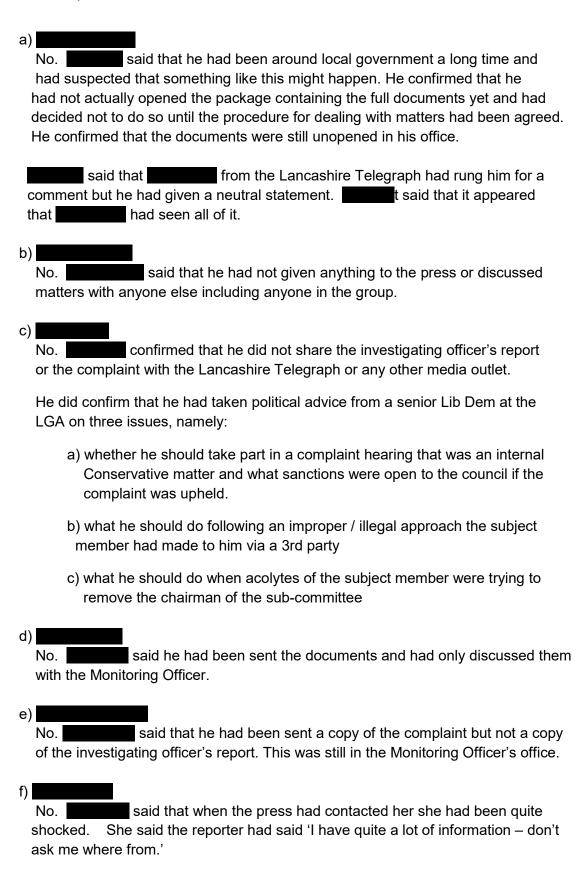
2. The Investigating Officer had sent copies of the bundle to the members of the review panel, namely:

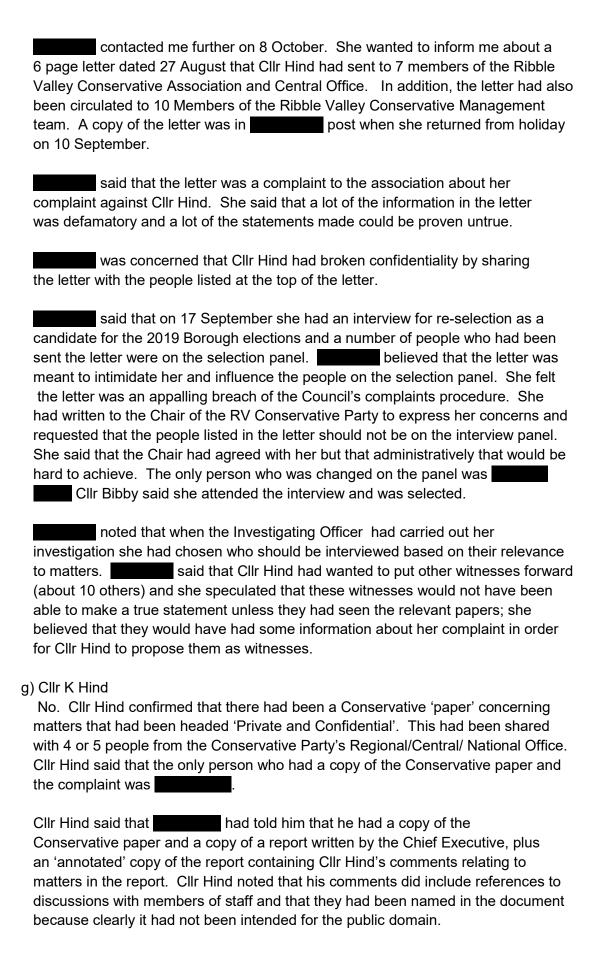


2.1 Furthermore, an Executive Summary of the papers had been included in a part 2 report to the Accounts and Audit Sub-Committee meeting that took place on 13 September 2018.

3. I contacted the people who had been sent the documents and asked them if they had given copies to the Lancashire Telegraph or discussed them with anyone else.

Their responses were as follows:





	Cllr Hind stated that had said he also had a copy of omplaint and the Investigating Officer's report.
W	Cllr Hind stated that he thought the source for handing documents to the press yas because on the previous day (Wednesday 3 October) Cllr Hind had written something and sent it to then approximately two hours later had contacted him about it. Cllr Hind alleged that had given accounts that undermined the process.
	Cllr Hind said that his concern now was to maintain the integrity of the process. He said he feared that the whole thing had 'exploded' now.
C	The newspaper article had also said that the police may look into matters, but Cllr Hind stated that they would not be doing so. Cllr Hind said that the complaint of the police had been made by
had dod nur did	so contacted (the journalist at the Lancashire Telegraph who discussed written the newspaper article) and asked if he could confirm the source of the cuments he had in his possession. Said he had several copies of a mber of documents that had been sent to him under plain cover. He said that he not know who had sent them and added that, if he did know, he would not say to the source was.
Conclusio	on:
Having spoken to all those involved with the investigation I have not been able to establish who sent confidential papers to the Lancashire Telegraph.	
Signed:	– Investigating Officer
Date:08.10.18	