

# Appendix

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Mr Brian Owen  
Group Leader of the original Independent

Dear Brian,

**Re: Resignation from the Group**

I wish to thank you and the group for their support, over the past couple of weeks.

Having considered the political situation in IACC and last Friday's meeting of creating joint leadership of Plaid Cymru and Labour, I find that completely unbelievable for such a small island like Anglesey.

Up to 6 months ago I was acceptable to Mr Davis Bowles to be within the tent, it is a fact I did sign the draft terms of engagement for political alliance, within 10 minutes further papers were presented to us in the meeting of naming and shaming councillors, I could not concur with this system of working and was shocked for some of the petty and childish reasons, I have been named by Mr David Bowles that I have a strong personality and a political operator, It seems that I am being penalised for standing on my own two feet challenging what I strongly believe to be totally wrong. As the minister stated in the assembly that personality issues should not be the priority as people should work together, that naming is not only misguided but also no recipe for the sustainable recovery. "It allows those not named or indeed those doing the naming to avoid the responsibility for what has become a shared solution". It is hard to understand that some days up to 9 people will be on the list but the following day will be down to one.

There is a concern at the cost of the recovery to the rate payers of Anglesey. Therefore I have decided to become an unaffiliated councillor and to challenge the costing's and the threat of naming and shaming, as this type of working will not deliver success.

I have personally been 100% in working with the recovery board to achieve a political inclusive council. It now bothers me greatly that personality and jockeying for positions seems to be taking priority.

Yours Sincerely

Clr Gareth Winston Roberts OBE

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