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RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE OF THE PARAGRAPH 85 LETTER

The Executive and CMT acknowledge that during 2008 the relationship between senior members and senior officers had, for a number of reasons including poor communications and poor joint working, become dysfunctional. This created inevitable tensions and frustrations for both the member and officer leadership of the Council and both the Executive and CMT regret allowing this position to arise.

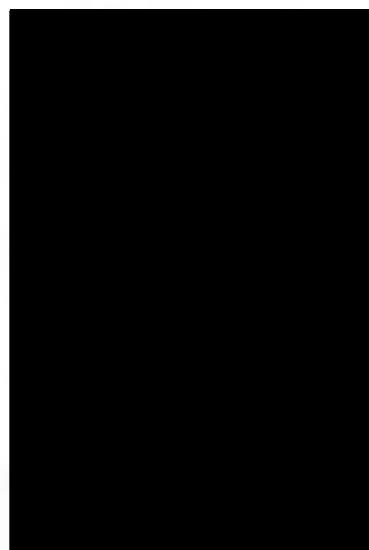
The tensions came to a head with a letter dated 18th December 2008 on behalf of the Executive to the Welsh Audit Office. The Executive accept that, when preparing the letter, they did not have all the facts and individually and collectively apologise for the letter and its contents and furthermore individually and collectively retract the allegations contained therein and withdraw the letter in its entirety.

CMT recognises the need to adapt the way they work with each new Executive and apologise for any failings on their part which contributed toward the problem. The CMT confirm that it never was their intention to wish that the Executive or any member of the Executive would fail and are committed to working with this Executive and future Executives in the best interest of the Council. This commitment is accepted by the Executive.

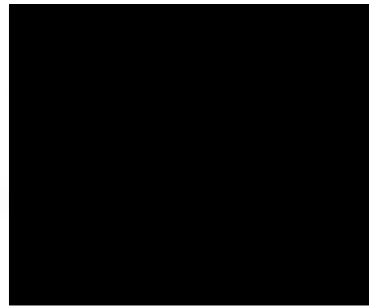
The Executive recognise that officers work for the council as a whole and must work within the context of the Council's constitution and scheme of delegation. The Executive individually and collectively recognise that the statutory roles of Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer are key to ensuring strong and effective governance within the Council. The Executive individually and collectively will support and protect these officers as a key safeguard for the Council and individual members.

The Executive and CMT confirm their joint commitment to work together to transform the Council and responding effectively to the issues raised in the Corporate Governance Inspection Report.

Both the Executive and CMT regard this matter as closed and will make no further comment.



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