

(13) Mr A Jarvie

To the Leader of the Council

Last November, this Council reported me to the Standards Commission following myself finding in the Annual Accounts and asking at Committee about a six-figure payment to a former member of staff. I was reported for my mere verbatim reading of this public document in a public meeting as being “inaccurate and misleading” and for allegedly forwarding an email from a Council Officer explaining the breakdown of these costs to the press.

These payments are legally required to be published for public transparency.

Do you find it acceptable that a Member of this Council was reported to the Standards Commission by the Authority on these grounds? Particularly in light of the Commission dismissing the complaint, stating what I did was part of my “customary Councillor duties”.

*I support the right of anyone to use the channels available to them to seek the Commissioner’s view without fear of reprimand.*