

Councillor Davis - QoN - Investigator recommendation and development of sanction and Development of apology and additional requirements

Tuesday, 24 February 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

Contact Officer:
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Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Henry Davis will ask the following Question on Notice: Investigator recommendation and development of sanction

1. Please identify, by reference to the investigator's final report, what recommendations (if any) were made in relation to sanction.
2. Please identify whether the investigator's report contained:
 - a. a recommendation that a public apology be required
 - b. any recommendation as to the content of an apology
 - c. any recommendation requiring a retraction of statements
 - d. any recommendation requiring removal of social media content
 - e. any recommendation requiring undertakings as to future conduct
3. Please provide the exact wording of any recommendation made by the investigator in relation to sanction.

Development of apology and additional requirements

4. Please identify who determined that the apology must include the following elements:
 - a. full acceptance that provisions were breached
 - b. acknowledgement of inappropriate use of Council resources
 - c. an undertaking to use best endeavours not to engage in similar conduct again
 - d. an undertaking to remove the video and publish a retraction online with a link to the apology
 - e. reaffirmation of commitment to the Behavioural Standards and Behavioural Support Policy
5. For each element in Question 4, please provide:
 - a. the author of the wording
 - b. the date the wording was first drafted
 - c. whether it was drafted by Council administration, external legal advisers, the investigator, the Lord Mayor, or any Council Member
 - d. whether any edits were made, and by whom
 - e. the final person who approved the wording
6. Please provide copies of all documents evidencing the development of the apology wording, including drafts, tracked changes, email correspondence, briefing notes, and instructions, excluding any material subject to legal professional privilege.

7. Please confirm whether any Council Members (including the Lord Mayor) who participated in the decision, participated in drafting, proposing, or amending the apology wording, and if so, identify those Council Members.
 8. Please confirm whether Council sought legal advice about its power to require:
 - a. a retraction
 - b. removal of published content and publication of an apology on a councillor's private account
 - c. undertakings as to future speech
 - d. admissions of wrongdoing
 9. If legal advice was obtained please provide that advice to council and disclose who gave that advice and when.
 10. Please set out verbatim section 74 of the local government act.
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REPLY

The Lord Mayor, as presiding member, has determined that the questions are, in their totality, improper and they are not to be answered in accordance with Regulation 9(6) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*.

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