

Indeed, and that is why I apologised to those people, stating who and why the words I used were directed to, but please include the incessant harassment by those others who failed to accept my basic arguments using factual information from the UK Census which is why I made the hashtag comments I did.

I hope this helps

James

Cllr James Cartwright
Member for Puckeridge
East Herts District Council.

From: Robertson George
Sent: 08 December 2015 13:14
To: Councillor Cartwright (James)
Subject: RE: Standards investigation

Councillor cartwright

Thank you for this –It does not appear that those posting the bad language were those to whom your comments were directed or am I misreading.

From: Councillor Cartwright (James)
Sent: 07 December 2015 12:38
To: Robertson George
Cc: Hughes Jeff
Subject: RE: Standards investigation

Dear Mr Robertson

Please find screenshots of two of the tweets referred to.

Despite much searching over the weekend, I cannot find a third, and the most serious (use of the "C" word). After contacting Twitter, it appears someone reported that particular tweet as "offensive" and as per Twitter's terms of service they then deleted that specific tweet. Unfortunately I had not taken a screenshot but I am aware from feedback from other councillors that I was not the only one to see it and be offended by it. I can, if required, see if anyone will back me up on this.

What happens when I report a Tweet or Direct Message?

- Reported Tweets will disappear from your timeline.
- Reporting a Tweet does not automatically result in the user being suspended.
- Reported Messages will disappear from your inbox and cannot be recovered.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

kind regards

James

From: Robertson George
Sent: 03 December 2015 10:18
To: Councillor Cartwright (James)
Cc: Hughes Jeff
Subject: RE: Standards investigation

Councillor Cartwright

Our communications team have been unable to find any record of the abusive language you refer to and I wondered if you have any record of these tweets from the individuals concerned.

From: Councillor Cartwright (James)
Sent: 01 December 2015 15:51
To: Robertson George
Subject: Re: Standards investigation

Thank you - that is fair.

Sent from my iPhone

On 1 Dec 2015, at 15:24, Robertson George <George.Robertson@eastherts.gov.uk> wrote:

Thank you for the prompt response. I am seeking the full twitter trail in light of your comments and the omission from the papers submitted to the Sub committee.

From: Councillor Cartwright (James)
Sent: 01 December 2015 12:29

To: Robertson George
Cc: Hughes Jeff; Councillor Jones (Gary); Councillor Haysey (Linda)
Subject: RE: Standards investigation

Dear Mr Robertson,

Thank you for the opportunity at being able to provide some context around this matter.

My comments were directed at three members of the public (only) who were providing deeply offensive remarks aimed at myself and ALL EH councillors involved in the vote regarding prayers.

Specifically, all the EH Councillors were called "Ars*hol*s" and "C*nts" by these three tweeters and other remarks such as "I can't believe they f*cking clapped" referring to the reaction of the Councillors to a speech made by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Gary Jones. - Please note, I have replaced some letters of these words with asterisks, but these were not replaced in the original tweets which can be seen if you follow the Tweet trail - but interestingly not included in the selection of tweets included within the complaint submitted by former Councillor Adrian McNeese.

I have apologised to any other person / member of the public who were misled by these three trouble makers in making it appear as if the hash-tags I used (#Pathetic #Illiterate and #Thick) were directed at atheists in general. They were clearly not, but at these three individuals only.

In the context of these exchanges, these three descriptions were factually accurate and appropriate descriptions of these individuals.

#Pathetic - dictionary definition - miserably inadequate (or [feeble](#), [woeful](#), [sorry](#), [poor](#), [pitiful](#), [lamentable](#), [deplorable](#), [miserable](#), [wretched](#), [contemptible](#), [despicable](#), [inadequate](#), [meagre](#), [paltry](#), [insufficient](#), [negligible](#), [insubstantial](#), [unsatisfactory](#), [worthless](#))

I maintain many of these attributes were accurate when considering the attitude of these three people towards myself and fellow councillors, especially the ones highlighted by myself above

#Illiterate - you will notice in one of the tweets they used the word "there" meaning "they are" and they failed to acknowledge many of the arguments I put forward, dictionary definition is "unable to read or write"

#Thick (in this context) meaning "of low intelligence, stupid" - when presented some factual statistics they repeatedly added up the numbers incorrectly to augment their case.

On that basis, I feel entirely justified in using these words **towards these three individuals (only)** as they are accurate and well deserved. Any inference that I meant atheists in general was not intended and I have already apologised for this misinterpretation.

I hope this helps.

kind regards

James

Cllr James Cartwright
Member for Puckeridge
East Herts District Council.

From: Robertson George
Sent: 01 December 2015 09:47
To: Councillor Cartwright (James)
Cc: Hughes Jeff
Subject: Standards investigation

Councillor Cartwright

The Standards sub committee has required me to investigate on behalf of the Monitoring Officer the complaint made by Mr Adrian McNeece relating to comments made on your twitter account on the 29 October 2015.

Specifically the complaint refers to a tweet stating ‘

[@davebromage@ScotRamsay@StortSkeptic@galdam](#) 27% no religion, [#thick](#) and [# illiterate](#).

The complaint alleges that such comment was inappropriate and disrespectful in suggesting that non religious members of the public were both thick and illiterate.

I note that in your follow up tweets you seek to limit the comment to Mr Scot Ramsey with whom you were communicating though I note from the summary presented to the sub committee that the initial comment appears to be made to a Mr Dave Bromage.

I would appreciate your comment on the complaint as soon as you are able as the subcommittee requested that a report be submitted as soon as possible.

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My working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday