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Final Report

East Hertfordshire District Council

**REPORT OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO Alleged Breach of the Members Code of Conduct by George Robertson appointed by Monitoring Officer for East Hertfordshire District Council INTO ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING COUNCILLOR J CARTWRIGHT**

**DATE: 12 January 2016**

SEE PARA 5.4 OVER.

5.2 The comment was made during exchanges on twitter following consideration of a motion proposed by the complainant and former Councillor Adrian McNeece to discontinue Christian prayers prior to meetings of the District Council. The comment appears to be aimed at a number of individuals including journalist Mr Dave Bromage, and Mr Scot Ramsey.

5.3 Councillor Cartwright does not dispute the content of the tweet nor that it was aimed at Mr Bromage and Mr Ramsey nor indeed that he intended to accuse them of being 'thick' and 'illiterate'. In his defence Councillor Cartwright points to a stream of abusive comment directed at local members following the defeat of the motion to end prayers. He claims;

*'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 .*

In defending the words used he claims;

*'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."*

5.4 I have attempted to discover in the interest of fairness the abusive tweets referred to by Councillor Cartwright and confirmed with him that he has no record of any such abusive material originating from those

individuals which he has characterised as 'thick', 'illiterate' and 'pathetic'.

## **6 Reasoning as to whether there have been failures or not to comply with the Code of Conduct**

**6.1** I must now consider whether by his actions Councillor Cartwright failed to comply with the Members Code of Conduct.

**6.2** The term Cllr used by Councillor Cartwright on his twitter account when describing himself and the nature of the twitter discussion make it clear that Councillor Cartwright was acting as a representative of the Council when using twitter in these exchanges. The Member Code of Conduct and in particular the requirement to 'treat people with respect' applies to the exchanges that took place following the vote on the motion to cease prayers. For disrespect to be shown the comments made have to be such that, when viewed objectively they are considered to be a personal attack or slight on an individual, or individuals.

**6.3** Provocation which might explain the use of language such as 'thick' or 'illiterate' in exchanges between members of the public cannot excuse such use by Councillors. The Members Code requires a higher standard of behavior on the part of Councillors.

**6.4** The attempt to justify the use of such language by reference to dictionary definitions is not helpful. Even if the language used were accurate it can nevertheless be disrespectful.

**6.5** I understand that Councillor Cartwright did not attend the Members training session on social media. This is regrettable. A brief review of examples of Guidance to Members on line on the subject of the dangers of social media discloses warnings such as 'Don't enter in to unhelpful online arguments; remember all of your followers and friends will be witnessing this on line .Ignore people or block them if they persist in vexatious comment'.

One mans vexatious comment is another's reasonable comment and Members need to avoid being drawn in to heated exchanges on social media during which the quality of comment deteriorates.

## **7 Finding**

**7.1** My finding in all the circumstances of this case is that there has been a failure to comply with the Members Code in that the comment made on twitter on the 29 October 2015 failed to treat those involved in the twitter exchange with respect.



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### COMPLAINT FORM : CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

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#### A. Your details

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1. Please provide us with your name and contact details. Anonymous complaints will only be considered if there is independent evidence to substantiate the complaint.

<b>Title:</b>	Mr
<b>First name:</b>	David
<b>Last name:</b>	Bromage
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Contact telephone:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date of complaint:</b>	February 10, 2016

Your address and contact details will not usually be released unless necessary or to deal with your complaint.

The following people may see this form:

- Monitoring Officer of the Council
- Standards Committee members
- Council's Independent Person(s)
- The subject member(s)
- the Parish Clerk (if applicable)

If you have serious concerns about your name and a summary, or details of your complaint being released, please complete **Section C** of this Form and also discuss your reasons or concerns with the Council's Monitoring Officer.

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Please tell us which complainant type best describes you:

- A member of the public
- An elected or co-opted Member of the Council
- An independent member of a Standards Committee
- A Member of Parliament
- A Monitoring Officer
- Other council employee, contractor or agent of the Council
- Other (                    )

2. Equality Monitoring Form - please fill in the attached form.

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### **B. Making your complaint**

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3. Please provide us with the name of the Member(s) you believe have breached the Council's Code of Conduct:

Title	First name	Last name
Cllr	James	Cartwright

4. Please explain in this section (or on separate sheet(s)) what the Member is alleged to have done that you believe breaches the Code of Conduct. If you are complaining about more than one Member you should clearly explain what each individual person has done, with dates / witnesses to substantiate the alleged breach.

It is also important that you provide all the evidence you wish to have taken into account. For example:

- You should be specific, wherever possible, about exactly what you are alleging the Member said or did. For instance, instead of writing that the Member insulted you, you should state what it was they said or did to insult you.
- You should provide the dates of the alleged incidents wherever possible. If you cannot provide exact dates it is important to give a general timeframe.

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- You should confirm whether there are any witnesses to the alleged conduct and provide their names and contact details if possible.
- You should provide any relevant background information or other relevant documentary evidence to support your allegation(s).

Please provide us with the details of your complaint. Continue on a separate sheet if there is not enough space on this form.

I am writing to complain about multiple breaches of East Herts District Council's Code of Conduct by Cllr James Cartwright, in both his conduct on Twitter and in his email responses to the Independent Investigating Officer, ("IIO"), in respect of the complaint against Cllr Cartwright made by Adrian McNeece, dated 2 November 2015.

Mr McNeece's complaint centred on Cllr Cartwright calling members of the public – namely myself, Scot Ramsay and Gary Aldam – "thick" and "illiterate" during a Twitter debate on 29 October 2015, in the aftermath of EHDC's vote to keep Christian prayers before full Council meetings.

In the same online debate, Cllr Cartwright also replied directly to a tweet by the official Twitter account of the National Secular Society, saying: "I understand the arguments very well – I just need to show people how pathetic your views are."

In an email to the IIO on 1 December 2015, Cllr Cartwright states:

"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, al 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."

The allegation by Cllr Cartwright that "Specifically, al the EH Councillors were called 'Ars\*hol\*s' and 'C\*nts' by these three tweeters", with these three tweeters being me, Scot Ramsay and Gary Aldam, is entirely untrue.

Furthermore, the "... 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" were also not made by me or either of the other two people accused.

Having made these serious allegations, Cllr Cartwright was asked by the IIO to provide evidence to support them. It is clear from the rest of the email thread reproduced in the IIO's report that NO evidence was found by either Cllr Cartwright or the IIO's investigating team.

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Considering that Cllr Cartwright knew his allegations made to an independent investigation would be made public, he had a significant duty of care to ensure that information he provided was correct. He did not do this.

Although the Twitter debate on 29 October was at times heated (after Cllr Cartwright had taken to Twitter to gloat about the 42-5 vote to keep prayers), none of those cited for harassment by Cllr Cartwright used any of the alleged terminology or similar.

There were others in the debate and I did see the word "arsehole" used to describe Cllr Cartwright. However, I repeat, this was not used by myself, Scot Ramsay or Gary Aldam, the three tweeters at whom Cllr Cartwright maintains he aimed the "thick" and "illiterate" tweets.

His later claim that he did not hold disparaging views against atheists is also spurious considering his tweet of 29 October 2015 at 13.11, in which he directly replies to the National Secular Society, calling their views "pathetic".

This viewpoint has been backed up in subsequent tweets directed at me – notably on 23 November 2015 in which he stated: "Reading the bible and finding it lacking shows a lack of intelligence."

On several occasions, on Twitter and in the aforementioned email conversation with the IIO he has made reference to "bullying" and "harassment" by myself, Scot Ramsay and Gary Aldam. None of these claims can be verified and I find them defamatory.

Despite being censured by the Council for his "thick", "illiterate" and "pathetic" insults, he has recently doubled down on them, calling them "accurate, appropriate and well deserved".

Following the publication of the IIO report, including Cllr Cartwright's mendacious claims that myself, Scot Ramsay and Gary Aldam called EH Council "Ars\*hol\*s" and "C\*nts", he once again referred to the three of us as "bullies" in a Twitter response on 3 February 2016 to another member of the public who took issue with his insults against us.

I took issue with this, asking him to retract his accusation. He refused, adding that as I was a journalist, I was at the "opposite end of the moral spectrum".

I responded pointedly that: "It's so black & white. Journalist = immoral; atheists = thick; secularism = pathetic; disagreement = bullying", to which Cllr Cartwright replied: "You're learning fast."

Once again, I feel this shows up how completely disingenuous his claim is that he does not think atheists below him.

When challenged on the accusation that we had called East Herts councillors "arseholes" and "cunts", he maintained that the evidence was in the public domain, that it was there for all to see, even though, when asked repeatedly to provide it, he was unable to do so.



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He claimed the evidence was in the official council report on the matter. When told it clearly was not (and in fact the report explicitly states that NO EVIDENCE was provided), he went on to claim we had seen only a leaked draft and that the final report would include the evidence we sought.

Alas, when it was pointed out that the final report WAS on the EHDC website, Cllr Cartwright still refused to accept he was in the wrong. It seems to be lie after lie after lie.

The following morning, 4 February 2016, he continued to badmouth the three of us on Twitter to another member of the public, stating: "The people my remarks are directed to are clearly not decent people nor do I represent them."

In conclusion, I concede that Cllr Cartwright was called "an arsehole" on Twitter. But that insult was not made by me, Scot Ramsay or Gary Aldam, to all three of whom he has attributed it.

I never saw any tweet referring to EHDC as "cunts" and no evidence has been provided that it was ever made. Even if it did exist, it was again not made by me and I am certain it was not made by either Scot Ramsay or Gary Aldam, both of whom are infinitely more polite than I am.

Being my most charitable, I would say that Cllr Cartwright is baffled by Twitter and is utterly incapable of admitting when he is wrong.

However, it seems more likely that, in being investigated for insulting members of the public, he has taken insults made by others and retroactively attributed them to myself, Scot Ramsay and Gary Aldam in a calculated attempt to cover his backside after being called out on his unjustifiable "thick" and "illiterate" comments.

He has repeatedly defamed the three of us by calling us "bullies" and accusing us of "harassment" as well as targeting me in particular, implying I was both unintelligent because I do not believe the Bible and immoral because I am a journalist.

His derogatory comments about members of the public he is bound to serve are indefensible, particularly in light of the fact he has no evidence for any of them.

Reading through the Code of Conduct, it is difficult to find any part which Cllr Cartwright has NOT breached.

I would certainly assert that he has shown very little selflessness, integrity, accountability or honesty in his dealings with the public on Twitter (on which, by the way, he goes by the name of @james\_cllr and whose bio states he is a member of East Herts District Council).

He makes numerous other violations but I would also like to highlight Page 4 of the Code, where it states as a virtue councillors must uphold: "Always treating people with respect, including the organisations and public I engage with and those I work alongside."

That has clearly not been the case here.

**(Continue on separate sheet(s), as necessary)**

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### C. Confidentiality of complainant and the complaint details

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**Only complete this next section if you are requesting that your identity is kept confidential**

5. In the interests of fairness and in compliance with the rules of natural justice, we believe Members who are complained about have a right to know who has made the complaint and the substance of the allegation(s) made against him / her. We are, therefore, unlikely to withhold your personal details or the details of your complaint unless you have good reasons to believe that you have justifiable grounds, for example:
- to believe you may be victimised or harassed by the Member(s) against whom you are submitting a written complaint (or by a person associated with the same); or
  - may receive less favourable treatment from the Council because of the seniority of the Member against whom you are submitting a written complaint in terms of any existing Council service provision or any tender / contract that you may have or are about to submit to the Council.

Please note that requests for confidentiality or requests for suppression of the personal and complaint details will not automatically be granted. The Assessment Sub-Committee will consider the request alongside the substance of your complaint and the Monitoring Officer will then contact you with the decision. If your request for confidentiality is not granted, we will usually allow you the opportunity, if you so wish, of withdrawing your complaint.

However, it is important to understand that - in exceptional circumstances, where the matter complained about is very serious - we may proceed with an investigation (or other action) and may have no choice but to disclose your personal and complaint details, because of the allegation(s) made, even if you have expressly asked us not to.

Please provide us with details of why you believe we should withhold your name and/or the details of your complaint:

**(Continue on separate sheet(s), as necessary)**

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### D. Remedy sought

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7. Please indicate the remedy or remedies you are looking for or hoping to achieve by submitting this complaint.
1. A personal letter of apology from Cllr Cartwright to myself for the offence he has caused, together with an acknowledgment that his allegations were false and without foundation.
  2. A public apology by Cllr Cartwright at the next full meeting of the council, together with an acknowledgment that his allegations were false and without foundation.
  3. A press release apology, together with an acknowledgment that the allegations were false and without foundation by the council to local media organisations.
  4. A suitable sanction by the council against Cllr Cartwright for his behaviour, as a demonstration that his disrespectful conduct has consequences, and that he must be seen to be accountable for his conduct. This sanction should reflect the fact that Cllr Cartwright's behaviour occurred during, and immediately after an investigation into his previous breaches of the Code of Conduct.
  5. Either: (i) All references to the false allegations made by Cllr Cartwright be removed from documents in the public domain, or if this is not possible; (ii) All references to the false allegations made by Cllr Cartwright that are in the public domain must be preceded by a prominent notice that the allegations are false, and also include a copy of the written apology from Cllr Cartwright.

**(Continue on separate sheet(s), as necessary)**

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### E. Additional information

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8. Complaints must be submitted in writing. This includes fax and electronic submissions. Frivolous, vexatious and politically motivated tit-for-tat complaints are likely to be rejected.
9. In line with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, we can make reasonable adjustments to assist you if you have a disability that prevents you from making your complaint in writing. We can also help if English is not your first language.
10. If you need any support in completing this form, please contact the Monitoring Officer as soon as possible.

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### Monitoring Officer Contact details:

The Monitoring Officer – Simon Drinkwater  
 East Herts Council  
 Wallfields  
 Pegs Lane  
 Hertford  
 SG13 8EQ

### Monitoring Form – Local Assessments of Complaints Standards Committee - Assessment Sub Committee

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<b>White</b>	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Chinese or other ethnic group</b>
White British	White and Black	Indian	Caribbean	Chinese
White Irish	Caribbean	Pakistani	African	Other
Any other White background	White and Black African	Bangladeshi	Any other Black background	
X	Any other mixed background <input type="checkbox"/>	Any other Asian background <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*Categories used are those utilised by  
the Office of Population Censuses and  
Surveys

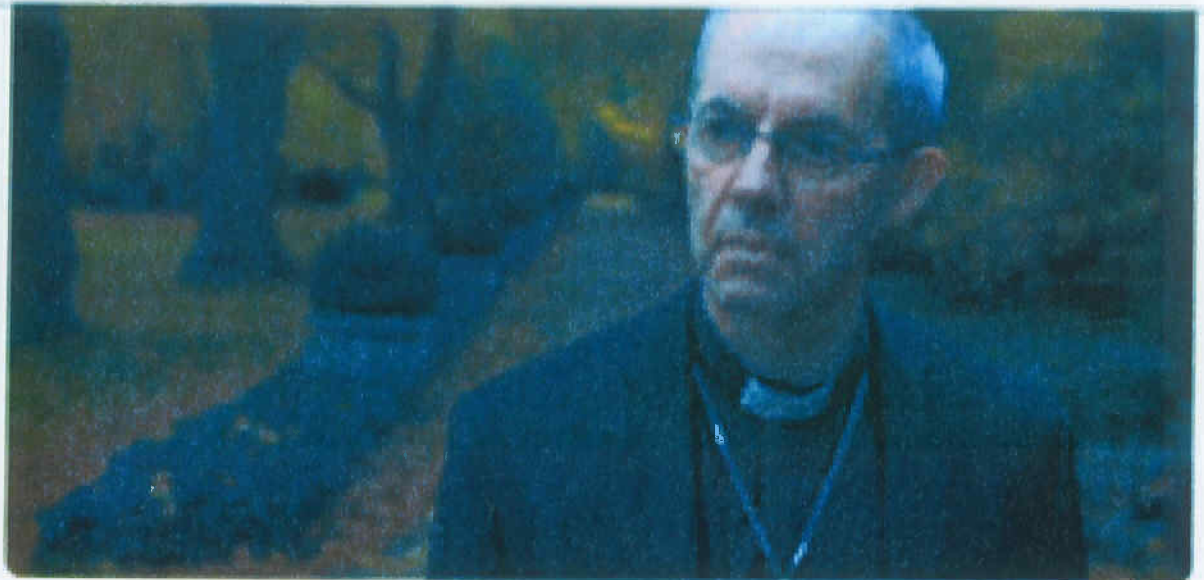
Do you have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on your ability that you wish to declare under the Disability Discrimination Act?

Yes  No X

Tweets

Media

Likes



↻ 29

♥ 24

↩ In reply to @davebromage



**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr 23/11/2015

@davebromage @mickynads @galdam  
"Jeez" an abbr of Jesus. Interesting.  
Reading the bible and finding it lacking  
shows a lack of intelligence.



↩ In reply to @mickynads



**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr 23/11/2015

@mickynads @davebromage @galdam  
Google it. Read the bible. Ask a priest...  
Plenty info out there. I can't be bothered!



worthy point.



Secularism UK @NatSecSoc 29/10/2015

@StortSkeptic @james\_cllr hasn't addressed (or seemingly understood) any of the actual arguments. But insults not helpful. Please un-tag us.



You follow this user



Cllr J Cartwright

@james\_cllr

@NatSecSoc @StortSkeptic I

understand the arguments very well - I just need to show people how pathetic your views and opinions are.

29/10/2015, 13:11





**Cllr J Cartwright**

@james\_cllr

@EastHerts EHDC clearly condone the behaviour of rude, abusive, intimidating bullies directed towards the majority of their elected members.

28/01/2016, 21:17



**David James** @StortSkeptic

28/01/2016

@james\_cllr Care to elaborate, James?  
Has something specific bought this on?



**Dave Bromage** @davebromage

28/01/2016

@StortSkeptic @james\_cllr @EastHerts  
Sorry if I'm being thick or illiterate but if you could point to examples of bullying, it'd help.





Cllr J Cartwright @james\_cllr 28/01/2016

@ScotRamsay @StortSkeptic  
@davebromage they didn't - no-one  
found my words were insulting or rude.



Dave Bromage @davebromage 28/01/2016

@james\_cllr @ScotRamsay  
@StortSkeptic Calling people thick and  
illiterate isn't rude or insulting? Must  
remember that.



Cllr J Cartwright

@james\_cllr

@davebromage @ScotRamsay  
@StortSkeptic accurate and  
appropriate descriptions well deserved.

29/01/2016, 00:00



Reply to Cllr J Cartwright, Scot Ramsay, David James





**Dave Bromage** @davebromage

6d

@james\_cllr @sjpinches Your dishonest version of events has been noted, Cllr, and will not go unchallenged.

@ScotRamsay @galdam



**Cllr J Cartwright**

@james\_cllr

@davebromage @sjpinches

@ScotRamsay @galdam I'm so scared!! (Not). Journalist - opposite end of moral spectrum (Lord Spencer 1997). So true.

03/02/2016, 21:24



**Gary Aldam** @galdam

6d

@james\_cllr you made claims that are untrue, that is dishonest. @davebromage @sjpinches @ScotRamsay

Tweets

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**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr

6d

Nor do I take advice from people like you  
I don't know thank you but no thank you  
2/2

**Steve Pinches** @sjpinches

@james\_cllr it's really simple. You are  
an elected official. You don't talk to  
\*anyone\* like that. If you do, you  
apologise \*unreservedly\*.



**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr

6d

Christian or Elected Official - i don't take  
any nonsense from bullies who don't  
deserve my respect 1/2

**Steve Pinches** @sjpinches

@james\_cllr it's really simple. You are  
an elected official. You don't talk to  
\*anyone\* like that. If you do, you  
apologise \*unreservedly\*.



Cllr J Cartwright @james\_cllr

6d

@galdam @davebromage @sjpinches  
@ScotRamsay - not at all - plain for all to  
see. Perhaps that is why I was treated so  
sensitively.



Dave Bromage @davebromage

6d

@james\_cllr @galdam @sjpinches  
@ScotRamsay If it's plain for all to see,  
you'll be citing the evidence then?



Cllr J Cartwright

@james\_cllr

@davebromage - journalists never  
seem to be interested in using evidence  
so I don't feel I have anything to answer  
to you!!

03/02/2016, 22:13

Reply to Cllr J Cartwright



**Scot Ramsay** @ScotRamsay

6d

Our lovely local Councillor likes to insult journalists too. Is there anyone this man doesn't feel is beneath him?

**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr

@davebromage @sjpinches

@ScotRamsay @galdam I'm so scared!! (Not). Journalist - opposite end of moral spectrum (Lord Spencer 1997). So true.



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**Cllr J Cartwright**

@james\_cllr

@ScotRamsay @davebromage  
@sjpinches @galdam not present  
company, no!

03/02/2016, 22:13

Reply to Cllr J Cartwright. Scot Ramsay. Steve Pinche



@ScotRamsay @davebromage  
@sjpinches @galdam not present  
company, no!



**David James** @StortSkeptic

6d

@james\_cllr @ScotRamsay  
@davebromage @sjpinches @galdam  
James, when's your social media training  
planned for? Soon, I hope.



**Cllr J Cartwright**

@james\_cllr

@StortSkeptic @ScotRamsay  
@davebromage @sjpinches @galdam  
Any "training" won't make any  
difference in my views on this matter.

03/02/2016, 22:25



Reply to Cllr J Cartwright, David James, Scot Ramsay



**Dave Bromage** @davebromage

6d

.@james\_cllr @ScotRamsay @galdam It's so black & white. Journalists= immoral; atheists= thick; secularism= pathetic; disagreement= bullying.



**Cllr J Cartwright**

@james\_cllr

@davebromage @ScotRamsay  
@galdam You are learning fast!

03/02/2016, 22:38



**Gary Aldam** @galdam

6d

@james\_cllr you seem to avoid the question of your honesty. You made unsubstantiated claims, how do you plead? @ScotRamsay @davebromage



**Cllr J Cartwright**

@james\_cllr

@ScotRamsay @davebromage  
@galdam @sjpinches evidence was  
produced and is in the public domain -  
and you have the audacity to call me a  
liar!

03/02/2016, 22:59



**Dave Bromage** @davebromage

6d

@james\_cllr @ScotRamsay @galdam  
@sjpinches Where in the public domain  
is it? I realise evidence is not your strong  
point.



**Scot Ramsay** @ScotRamsay

6d

@james\_cllr Well post a link Councillor.  
@davebromage @galdam @sjpinches

Reply to Cllr J Cartwright. Scot Ramsay. Gary Aldam.



**Dave Bromage** @davebromage

6d

@james\_cllr Apologise and retract your claim that @ScotRamsay @galdam and I bullied you and called EHDC cunts. It is a lie and defamatory.



**Cllr J Cartwright**

@james\_cllr

@davebromage @ScotRamsay @galdam but actually true as well you know. So no apology!

03/02/2016, 23:10



**Gary Aldam** @galdam

6d

@james\_cllr completely untrue I would not use such language on social media or anywhere else @davebromage @ScotRamsay





**Scot Ramsay** @ScotRamsay

6d

@james\_cllr The "evidence" you provided didn't support your claims, as noted by the Independent investigator.

@davebromage @galdam



**Cllr J Cartwright**

@james\_cllr

@ScotRamsay @davebromage

@galdam suggest you wait and read the minutes of the meeting. He said nothing of the sort.

03/02/2016, 23:12



**Scot Ramsay** @ScotRamsay

6d

@james\_cllr I have read his final report, I don't need to wait for the minures.

@davebromage @galdam



**Cllr J Cartwright**

@james\_cllr

@davebromage @ScotRamsay  
@galdam trawl back through all your  
pathetic tweets - you'll find the  
evidence - I did and I produced it .

03/02/2016, 23:20



**Scot Ramsay** @ScotRamsay

6d

@james\_cllr But that's the point James.  
You failed to provide the evidence.  
@davebromage @galdam



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**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr

6d

@ScotRamsay @davebromage @galdam  
Were you there? No. I did produce it. It is  
in the document pack.





Dave Bromage @davebromage

6d

@james\_cllr @ScotRamsay @galdam I've searched, James. It's not there.



Gary Aldam @galdam

6d

@james\_cllr according to this you were unable to find the "evidence"  
@davebromage @ScotRamsay

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 th...

**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.



Scot Ramsay @ScotRamsay

6d

@james\_cllr In your own words! @galdam @davebromage



Tweets

Media

Likes



← In reply to @davebromage



**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr

6d

@davebromage @galdam @ScotRamsay  
if ever I needed proof, evidence or  
justification for using the words I did you  
are all proving my case!



← In reply to @galdam



**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr

6d

@galdam @davebromage @ScotRamsay  
You need the help of an investigative  
journalist! Really not difficult.



← In reply to @davebromage



**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr

6d

@davebromage @galdam @ScotRamsay  
where are what? Are you serious? I feel a  
repeat tweet coming on!!!!



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← In reply to @ScotRamsay



**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr

6d

@ScotRamsay @davebromage @galdam  
clearly evidenced provocation I should  
show you "respect" - I disagreed (and  
still do) 2/2



← In reply to @ScotRamsay



**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr

6d

@ScotRamsay @davebromage @galdam  
they all saw the evidence in the meeting  
- that was not the issue. They decided  
that whatever the 1/2



## Who to follow



**Virgin Money** ✓

@VirginMoney

➔ Promoted





**Cllr J Cartwright**  
@james\_cllr

@davebromage @ScotRamsay  
@galdam further evidence was  
produced and included in the final (not  
leaked draft) report

03/02/2016, 23:46



**Dave Bromage** @davebromage 6d  
@james\_cllr @ScotRamsay @galdam  
Riiiiiiiiight! Not public domain though, is  
it? Conveniently.



**Scot Ramsay** @ScotRamsay 6d  
.@james\_cllr You don't seem to realise  
that the final report is already on the  
EHDC website. Oops! @davebromage  
@galdam

Reply to Cllr J Cartwright, Scot Ramsay, Gary Aldam

it? Conveniently.



**Scot Ramsay** @ScotRamsay

6d

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**Cllr J Cartwright** @james\_cllr

6d

@ScotRamsay @davebromage @galdam excellent - as I said, it's in the public domain.



**Scot Ramsay** @ScotRamsay

6d

Precisely @james\_cllr It shows you could not provide evidence to support your claim in your email of 1 December. @davebromage @galdam



**Dave Bromage** @davebromage

6d

@ScotRamsay @james\_cllr @galdam



**Steve Pinches** @sjpinches

6d

@james\_cllr @ScotRamsay  
@davebromage @galdam take a step  
back and think what those decent  
people would think of what you have  
written.



**Cllr J Cartwright**

@james\_cllr

@sjpinches @ScotRamsay

@davebromage @galdam the people  
my remarks are directed to are clearly  
not decent people nor do I represent  
them.

04/02/2016, 08:04

