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Subject: Re: Complaint

Dear Carolyn

Can I first of all request formally that you speak to both Simon Colburn and Ben Culling to ascertain from them the conversations which took place during and after last weeks CLSC. That would provide you with an unbiased account of events immediately following the meeting on 22nd November.

I would consider there was a breach of the code of conduct for a number of reasons. Cllr Strengiel's manner towards me was rude, bullying and aggressive. He accused me of bias and poor Chairing, something I would absolutely dispute. He made no attempt to speak to me in a reasonable manner, preferring instead to attempt to frighten me. He was not courteous or even civil, as is the conduct expected of an elected member.

This is not the first time recently that Cllr Strengiel has been rude to me in front of Officers and during a meeting. Simon Colburn was present then too, as was Cllr Mair and a Scrutiny witness a couple of meetings ago.

On 22nd November Cllr Strengiel made a number of comments, I cannot remember all of these but they certainly included an invitation to "go outside" to my Vice Chair Cllr Bushell. That is completely inappropriate in any setting most especially a Council venue with Officers present. He put those Officers in a very difficult position. I would question if that too contravenes the Code of Conduct?

Cllr Strengiel made what I felt was a somewhat odd and very political comment during the meeting and went on to have a loud whispered conversation with Cllr Dyer following that. He was intentionally disruptive. As Chair I would have liked to have asked him not to make a noise whilst people, including invited guest witnesses, were speaking but felt he would react very negatively to that and so did not intervene as Chair.

I hope this has given you enough information to begin an investigation but if you need a word I am not at work on Wednesday and will have my mobile (07818423079) with me.

Regards  
Cllr Lee