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Dear Sir

RE: CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE TWO STAGE TEST

The Standards Committee of Bridgend County Borough Council has considered the proposal to add a public interest test to the existing two stage test. The Committee has requested that I write to you expressing their agreement to the use of the public interest test. The committee remains concerned however in relation to the second limb of the now three stage test. The committee would prefer a simple two stage test of 1. Is there a breach and 2. Is it in the public interest to proceed.

You will be aware of the concern across Wales of this limb of the test. The committee remains concerned that it is their role to determine whether or not a sanction should apply and that consideration should be left to the committee. The public interest test should be sufficient to weed out the vexatious and frivolous complaints.

I am aware that you sought quick responses to the proposal and I apologise if this response is later than you wished for. The matter has been put to the earliest committee.

Yours sincerely

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