

The below statement was provided in response to the following LGOIMA, regarding a email from Mayor Len Salt published in the media on 16 January 2024:

***“... Under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act please provide [the] Council’s response to the Mayor’s behaviour.”***

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We do not hold any information on a response from Council in relation to the Mayor’s email. However, some of the context set out in the article is not clear. The Mayor was responding to specific threats to the Chief Executive and members of staff.

It came amongst a flurry of escalating, antagonistic and abusive emails where some serious threats to personal safety were made that have now become Police matters. At the time, councillors had an informal discussion via phone about the Mayor’s email with mixed views.

Without a doubt the abuse and threats from some of these groups has gone too far, and we accept there will be mixed views about the Mayor’s response. The organisation does not condone the use of the F word in correspondence but we are pleased that we have a Mayor prepared to stand up and protect staff from unreasonable behaviours and threats.

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