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Dear Inspector Boyle

Re: Request to attend as a witness

I am writing to request your attendance as a witness at a hearing of both the Greater London Authority and Barking & Dagenham Standards Sub-Committees on 21 July 2009 (this is not confirmed as yet, but we will confirm as soon as we know). This will be a concurrent meeting of both sub-committees and held at Barking Town Hall.

By way of background, the GLA and the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham received a complaint by Councillor Valerie Rush into a potential breach of the Code of Conduct by Mr Barnbrook who is both an Assembly Member and Councillor. Both authorities sub-committees referred the allegation to their Monitoring Officers to investigate. A joint report was commissioned by the Monitoring Officers, and I enclose a copy of this investigation report and schedule of evidence for your information. The authorities relevant committees have agreed that this matter should be considered at a hearing.

You provided evidence on the request of Councillor Val Rush, and I enclose copies of your letter dated 9 December 2009 and the email dated 1 April 2009. This information was included in the Schedule of Evidence.

The Committee is particularly interested in your email to Councillor Rush dated 1 April 2009 (document 20), which stated that during the period all the injuries in Barking & Dagenham were deemed non-serious, there were no critical injuries requiring intensive care (on life-support) apart from hospital admissions for triage purposes. You will note Mr Barnbrook's evidence, in particular, document 21, in which he states "the victims were in intensive care"; "the Metropolitan Police statistics that they publish are inaccurate." Mr Barnbrook also said at interview that the person who he stated in his video who was murdered in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham was actually murdered in Newham. When attending as a witness we will ask you to address these points as well as

what knowledge the police have about any offences at that time requiring hospital admission following violent incidents within educational establishments.

I should be grateful if you could confirm your availability for attendance at the hearing by Wednesday 17 June 2009. If you need any clarification on what we will asking you, please let me know. It would also be helpful if we had a witness statement in advance.

Yours Sincerely

Fiona Ledden

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