

Case ref: Sept-05

Witness Statement of Lisa Newman

1. My name is Lisa Newman and I am a Trainee Solicitor in the Legal and Procurement Group at the Greater London Authority (“the GLA”)

2. I was asked by Satish Mistry (the then Deputy Head of Law at the GLA and lead of the investigation at the time at the GLA) to attend the investigation meeting on Friday 6 February 2009 with Assembly Member/ Councillor Barnbrook, and assist in taking a note of the questions put to Assembly member/ Councillor Barnbrook by the investigating officers and his answers.

3. The investigating officers were: Satish Mistry, Helen Sargeant - Senior Legal Advisor – Employment and Governance, GLA and Sanjay Prashar - Deputy Head, Corporate Law and Employment, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. The questions had been drafted in advance and I was able to copy these in the notes that I took. I attempted to take a note of everything that was said by Assembly Member/ Councillor Barnbrook and the investigating officers but it was not always possible to follow everything that was said due to the speed and delivery of some of the questions and answers. I was not therefore able to produce a verbatim note of the meeting but I believe that the note I produced accurately reflected what was said.

4. Following the meeting, I typed my handwritten notes into a record of the meeting and sent this to the investigating officers to approve. If I was unsure about any of the content, then I highlighted this and the investigating officers were able to correct this using the notes that they had taken.

5. I believe that the typed up note was finalised by the investigating officers and was sent to Assembly Member/ Councillor Barnbrook. We asked him for any comments or corrections that he felt were necessary but I recall that he did not respond.

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Signed:

Dated:

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