

**LEEDS CITY COUNCIL**

**HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE  
REFERENCE 0910005**

**ALLEGATION AGAINST COUNCILLOR PAULEEN GRAHAME  
OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT  
OF LEEDS CITY COUNCIL**

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF  
COUNCILLOR PETER GRUEN**

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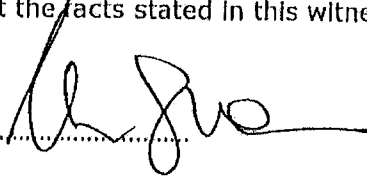
**I, COUNCILLOR PETER GRUEN**, of Leeds City Council, Civic Hall, Calverley Street, Leeds LS1 1UR will say as follows:

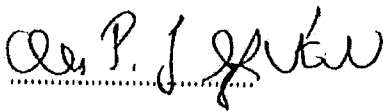
1. I make this statement from facts and matters in my own knowledge.
2. I am a member of Leeds City Council, representing the Cross Gates and Whinmoor Ward. I am also the Chair of the North Whinmoor Forum and the Chair of Aire Valley Homes.
3. I am aware that an allegation has been made against Councillor Pauleen Grahame, relating to a telephone call which Councillor Grahame made to the Swarcliffe Housing Office on 7 July 2009. I was interviewed during the investigation into that allegation.
4. I know that Councillor Grahame has had [REDACTED] As the Chair of Aire Valley Homes, I can confirm that [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8. I chaired the meeting of the North Whinmoor Forum meeting on 6 July 2009 and Councillor Grahame was amongst those who attended. Councillor Grahame knew that I was annoyed that no officer from Alre Valley Homes attended that meeting. However, I would be very surprised if Councillor Grahame had decided to contact the Swarcliffe Housing Office with the specific intention of complaining about this. Councillor Grahame knows that as the Chair of the North Whinmoor Forum, I would have expected to follow up any such concerns. In the same way, I would expect Councillor Grahame to contact officers to follow up any concerns that she might have about matters relating to the Cross Gates Forum, which she chairs and I believe that she would be surprised if I were to do so. I accept that Councillor Grahame might have felt it appropriate to comment on the concern about lack of attendance at the North Whinmoor Forum if this came up in conversation with an officer but I would not expect her to contact an officer with the main purpose of discussing this.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: 

Name: 

Date: 