

Dear Deputy Curgenven,

I am sending this email on behalf of the Committee for Home Affairs, who are copied in, in respect of your membership of the police complaints engagement group.

The Committee recognises that social media is a valuable route for communicating with the community and discussion on such forums may illicit a range of opinions, including those which some may find uncomfortable. This is part of being an open democracy and can serve a useful role to inform and engage with the electorate. The Committee similarly believe that there are situations where posts on social media can be unhelpful; where they can present an unfair representation of the situation or create a genuine and real risk to individuals.

It is the Committee's unanimous view that some of your recent posts have fallen into the latter category and further that this is contrary to the principles which we understood that you agreed to adhere to in joining the Group. The intention of the Committee has never been, and will never be to stifle, but to support good governance and safeguard the impartiality of the review itself.

The Committee discussed, with concern, recent activity on social media including, but not exclusively, your video in respect of the formal discontinuation of an investigation

into historic sexual offences. It further noted that there was, at a similar time, the naming of the officer by a third party and exchanges between yourself and a member of the public on the appropriateness of such posts.

Whilst acknowledging that the case had attracted significant public commentary, the Committee were of the opinion that your participation, and comments, could be seen as compromising your objectivity as a member of the Group. Consequently, the Committee has reached the unanimous decision that it would not be appropriate for you to continue as a member. Like all States' Members, you will have continued opportunity to shape the final proposals, not least when the proposals are debated.

Kind regards,