

Mr B Egan

By email

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Dear Mr Egan

### Complaint to the Council

Thank you for your letter received by email on 29 March 2016 in which you asked the Council to investigate three complaints about Waverley Borough Council. I have been asked to investigate your second complaint under Level 2 of the Council's complaints procedure, and in the light of my investigations I would like to make the following comments.

First I should make clear that contrary to the suggestion in your letter, Paul Wenham and Damian Roberts do not sign off Waverley's accounts. Page 9 of the published accounts for 2014/2015 shows that these accounts were been signed by Graeme Clark, as Waverley's Chief Finance Officer, and Councillor James Edwards, as the Chairman of the Audit Committee at the time.

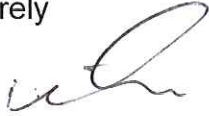
I have found no evidence that the other officers named in your complaint have acted inappropriately, nor have I found any evidence of any continuous corruption that you suggest. The Chief Finance Officer, the Audit Committee and the Council's external Auditors, Grant Thornton, consider that the accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council and its income and expenditure for the year, and that the Council has complied with the appropriate accounting Code.

I have found no evidence to suggest that this reported position was incorrect, and I am satisfied that the Audit Committee and Grant Thornton had full knowledge of the fraud incident. I am also satisfied that Grant Thornton reported their awareness of the fraud to the Audit Committee in an open published report.

I hope that the above comments have answered your concerns. However, if you feel I have not dealt properly with your complaint; please write again as soon as possible to the Executive Director, Paul Wenham, at the address given at the top of this letter.

Alternatively Mr Wenham can be contacted by email at [paul.wenham@waverley.gov.uk](mailto:paul.wenham@waverley.gov.uk). Please explain why you remain dissatisfied with my response and ask him to look at the matter again under Level 3 of Waverley's complaints procedure.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Vickers', written in a cursive style.

Peter Vickers  
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