

19th January 2023

**Findings of the Code of Conduct Hearing Panel
in respect of a complaint made against Mr Ian Carter**

On the 18th of October 2022 an article, which was subsequently shared on Facebook, appeared in the Bailiwick Express.

It was signed by Mr Ian Carter, chair of the Policy and Finance Committee and Mr Andrew Eggleston, President of the Alderney Chamber of Commerce.

The views expressed were in response to a number of articles penned by Captain Ralph Burridge, who had expressed views on the Airport Runway Rehabilitation, which did not accord with the policy of the States of Alderney and the Chamber of Commerce.

Complaints were made by two members of the community, alleging that the tone and content of the letter were in breach of the Code of Conduct for States Members.

A Code of Conduct Hearing Panel was convened to consider the complaints. Having carefully examined all the available information, the Panel found the complaints to be substantiated.

The Panel concluded that the comments in the letter about the views expressed by Captain Burridge failed to treat him with "respect and courtesy" as required by Paragraph 9.3 of the Code.

In addition, the Panel found that it was inappropriate for the letter to have been signed jointly with the Chamber of Commerce as it did not "maintain and strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of the States", as required by Paragraph 9.1 of the Code.

Accordingly, the Panel concluded that whilst the complaints had been substantiated, they were of a minor nature and the offer of a caution would suffice, in accordance with Paragraph 13.2.3.

Mr Carter has accepted the caution. No further action will be taken.

William Tate
President
States of Alderney