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The Right Hon Lord Hanningfield

Leader of the Council

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26th November 2002

Mr R Meah

Please reply to Philip Thomson

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Dear Mr Meah

COMPLAINT AGAINST CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY

Thank you for faxing to me on 31st October 2002, correspondence concerning your complaint against the Chairman of the Police Authority, Councillor R Chambers. I apologise for the delay in responding to your fax, but I have now had the opportunity to look into the matters raised in your correspondence and the response that has been offered to you. As you know, Councillor Chambers has accepted that he ought to have acknowledged your letter of the 04th September 2002 and has apologised to you for not doing so. I am not sure what else Mr Chambers can do especially as he did refer your letter to the police for action. Other than reiterating the apology for the fact that your letter was not acknowledged, I do not believe there is any further action I can take in relation to this matter.

In the circumstances, I can only suggest two courses of action if you are unhappy with the apology you have been offered. Firstly, you can write to me again setting out what further complaint you are seeking to make (if there is one) or alternatively you can write to the Standards Board for England which is responsible for handling all complaints against elected members. For your information, the address of the

Standards Board is:-

Standards Board for England

1st Floor Cottons Centre

Cotton Lane

London

SE1 2Q

Tel: 084 5078 8181

Yours sincerely

Lord Hanningfield

Leader, Essex County Council