

**Subject:** Ms A.Vaughan-v-London Borough of Lewisham and others  
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Dear Madam,

We refer to our e-mails to you of 23 December 2013 and 13 January 2014 in relation to the issue of the Council's costs.

The Council notes :

1. that the High Court awarded the costs of the defamation action against you on an indemnity basis following the strike out of that action on 20 December 2013, to be subject to a detailed assessment, if not agreed;
2. that the Council was informed by the Insolvency Service on 25 September 2013 that you were made bankrupt on 13 August 2013 and have no assets. The Council's agreed costs of the first 3 Employment Tribunal actions would rank as a debt in the insolvency. Debts incurred prior to bankruptcy are normally cleared at the end of the bankruptcy year; however debts incurred afterwards are not. The costs of the defamation proceedings would fall into the latter category in the Council's view;
3. that the judgment on strike out notes that you had no intention of launching any further claims arising out of the same subject-matter, or of launching contempt proceedings and that this was confirmed in a statement of truth signed by you.

The Council has taken into account the protracted and costly nature of the disputes, your lack of means and your solemn promise to the Court, confirmed by a statement of truth, not to bring further proceedings.

Given the same and to avoid further unnecessary expenditure of time and costs, the Council has decided that it will not enforce the costs award made by the High Court against you. This is on the basis that you continue to comply with your promise to the Court set out above, that no further proceedings whatsoever are brought and that the conditions stated above remain and that no further costs have to be incurred by the Council in relation to any dispute with you. However if that position were to change, then the Council reserves the right to revisit the issue of costs and if necessary to enforce the same.

We trust that this resolves matters, gives you reassurance and brings this matter to a final conclusion.

Yours faithfully,

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