

**15th May 2017**

**Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014**

**Alderman Dillon (Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council)**

**Determination of the Acting Northern Ireland Local Government Commissioner for Standards**

Following a complaint against Alderman Dillon, the matter was investigated by Mr Paul McFadden, the Deputy Commissioner for Local Government Ethical Standards, who then submitted his Investigation Report to me for adjudication. A pre-adjudication Hearing review was held to determine procedural matters during which the parties requested time to explore an alternative resolution of the complaint. The outcome was that Alderman Dillon accepted the conclusion of the Investigation Report and agreed to make a public apology to the Complainant during a meeting of the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council.

Alderman Dillon made the apology on the 25 April 2017, before a full meeting of the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council. I have now seen the text and heard the audio tape of that apology. The apology is an appropriate resolution to the allegation made against Alderman Dillon and accordingly I determined to cease the investigation.



**Mr Ian Gordon, OBE, QPM**

**Acting Northern Ireland Local Government Commissioner for Standards**