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RETURNING OFFICERS REPORT TO THE SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Additional Information

Further to my report of the 16th September I have the following further information to provide to the Executive Council.

1. I have received a further fourteen complaints from members regarding their receipt of unsolicited mail in the form of the "Vote Bayliss for a Better Union" letter. Several of the complaints refer specifically to the fact that the address block on the letters also contains the membership number. These complaints refer to a potential breach of Data Protection legislation by the Union. I will be referring these complaints to the Union's Data Protection Officer.

One of the complaints has been sent on behalf of the Rolls Royce Barnoldswick Joint Shop Stewards Committee and several of the complaints also come from members who appear to be employed by Rolls Royce.

2. I have also received notice from three of the candidates that, in accordance with Rule 16.3, they intend to raise the issue of unsolicited mailings and the use of Union resources directly with the Election Commissioner. I await full details of all of the complaints but I am informed that they relate to the following:-

- i) an e-mail sent by a union official in support of Len McCluskey
- ii) circulation of newsletters by two branches containing support for Len McCluskey
- iii) a letter sent to Union employees at office addresses in support of the Len McCluskey campaign
- iv) unsolicited mail and e-mails sent to members in support of Les Bayliss

3. I have asked each of the candidates to supply me with a photograph of them self for use in the "candidates message" mailing booklet.

Simon Hearn
Returning Officer
20th September 2010