	EGM on The Green	Visit to flood problem	Leaked emails	Gateway scheme unlawful	Comments about the chairman
C1	yes	yes	yes		yes
C2	yes		yes	yes	yes
C3		yes	yes	yes	yes
C4			yes		yes

The substance and actual contents of the emails have been in the public domain for a while; they will not be repeated here.

What may be of interest is the Monitoring Officer's comments on the matter.

## **Emails - Monitoring Officer's comments and conclusions**

Cllr Clews did not intend them to be seen by anyone other than C1. It appears unlikely that they would ever have reached a wider readership had C1 not chosen to make them public either by sharing them with those towards whom Cllr Clews' comments had been directed or with us as evidence for the investigation. We note that C1's decision to share them with a third party appears to have led to an article in The Sunday Mercury...

By doing this [sharing with those most likely to react] we conclude that C1 intended to cause maximum damage.

We do not recognise the autocrat or bully that C1 alleges him [Cllr Clews] to be. Not infrequently we wondered why we were not supplied with the whole email chain, though we had asked for it, and so we did not have the complete picture of what was said before or after and of who set the tone for Cllr Clews' response.

Conclusion: breach. Public apology required and presented 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021.