

BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

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PRESS RELEASE REGARDING ALLEGED ANTI-SEMITIC FACEBOOK POSTS FROM COUNCILLOR DAMIEN ENTICOTT

The Town Council are aware of the following statement by Bognor Regis Town Council Labour Group Leader, Councillor Jan Cosgrove:

"Councillor Damien Enticott has been suspended from the Labour Party whilst a national party investigation concerning a Facebook posting in his name is undertaken. We await the outcome of this.

Pending the outcome of the current investigation, whilst Damien Enticott will remain registered as a Group Member, he has been suspended from the Bognor Regis Town Council Labour Group with immediate effect as it is considered that he may have acted in a way that brings the Party into disrepute. The practical effect of this is that Damien Enticott will remain able to act as a Councillor but may not participate in Group affairs whilst suspended nor represent Labour on Town Council Committees."

All Members of Bognor Regis Town Council are required to abide by its Code of Conduct whenever they act as a representative of the Council (a copy of the Code of Conduct can be found <u>here</u>). If a person feels that a Member of the Town Council has failed to comply with this policy, then a formal complaint can be made to the Monitoring Officer to be dealt with under the Council's Standards Procedures. Within the district of Arun, complaints pertaining to Town Councillors should be sent to the Monitoring Officer at Arun District Council via the email address <u>monitoring.officer@arun.gov.uk</u>, or by post to the Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5LF.

A spokesperson for the Town Council said: "Regarding the alleged anti-Semitic Facebook comments, the Town Council wishes to state that they do not support such views. The Town Council will investigate the allegations further with appropriate actions taken where necessary."

The Town Council will not be making any further statements on this issue at this time.