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Cllr Colin Smith
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Dear Cllr Smith,

Complaint Against Councillor Shaun Slator

We, the Liberal Democrat Group, were horrified to read the comments tweeted by Councillor Shaun Slator in response to news of a rape in neighbouring Greenwich Borough, that the victim was “likely” to be a prostitute. A really offensive case of victim shaming which has no place in our society and should be condemned by all political parties.

I trust you will demand an immediate apology from Councillor Slator, suspend him from your party and open an investigation into his behaviour by the Standards Committee. This is not the first time Councillor Slator’s comments have caused offence; he has done so recently in the Council Chamber.

The Liberal Democrats in Bromley formally call for Councillor Slator’s resignation. Someone with these views and judgement has no place representing constituents in Bromley. What a terrible message to send to women and girls in his ward and across the borough, that violence against them is likely to be trivialised and the victim condemned rather than the perpetrator. All violence against women and girls needs to be condemned unequivocally.

For your reference, here is the link to the article in question:

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/tory-councillor-under-fire-suggesting-28858299>

I look forward to your urgent response to this letter.

Yours sincerely



Julie Ireland
Liberal Democrat Group Leader, London Borough of Bromley