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To: <Cllr.S.A.Knoyle@npt.gov.uk>
Sent: 12 July 2019 10:16 AM
Subject: Councillor Simon Knoyle - Dai Richards meeting 11 July 2019
12 July 2019

Dear Councillor Knoyle,

Further to our meeting yesterday (11 July 2019) I would be grateful if you could reply to this email to confirm that we did meet and that I provided you with the following information.

The WAG policy for the last 17 years has been to place children in 'deep play (life threatening situations) based upon a mis-represented conclusion from an article about adult males gambling on cockfights in Bali.

I provided you with documentary evidence of this. The evidence I provided you can be found on the following web document:

[2019-07-11-WAG-BIG-PICTURE2-pdf](#)

I also provided you with a copy of the source information, Deep Play: Notes on the Balinese Cockfight so that you are able to research and confirm my conclusion. The link below will take you directly to this document.

[geertz-1972-balinese-cockfight](#)

I believe the information I have provided you with to be important enough for you to pass it up the chain of command within the Neath-Port Talbot County Council. I have approached you in your position as both a Glynneath Town Council and a Neath-Port Talbot County Councillor and as such I would expect you to keep the information I have given you within those respective councils. Once you are satisfied that the information I have provided you with is genuine, I would advise you to immediately pass this information on to the NPTC council leader or deputy leader and/or the children's play officer. The WAG statutory guidance on play 2014 states that each county council should have a play officer.

[CLICK HERE FOR THIS DOCUMENT](#)

You mentioned that you would be meeting with Jeremy Miles next week and that you would be talking to him. I realise that you were thinking out loud and identifying possibilities of resolving this problem and by the time you meet with the AM you may have changed your mind on this strategy. However, I would strongly suggest against this way forward. You should consider that the lack of Welsh Assembly Government due diligence has resulted in the problem I brought to you, and therefore if you only rely on Jeremy Miles for advice/guidance then it is possible that he may attempt to bury this information in the system as it is extremely embarrassing for his government. You should also be aware that I am also providing this information to other councillors (not just in NPT), assembly members and other parties interested in the care of Welsh children. I believe you should talk to Jeremy Miles about this problem, make him aware that you have full knowledge of the WAG policies but take no advice from him, your responsibility in this instance is to the children of Glynneath and Neath-Port Talbot and not the Welsh Assembly Government. I trust that this email finds you fit and healthy and would ask please that you

keep a log of your actions in relation to my complaint. I will be requesting this information via the Freedom of Information Act at a later date. I would also request that you keep all correspondence on this matter by email or letter so that it can be recorded. My details are as follows:

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regards - Dai Richards, (a concerned grand-parent)

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