

FW: Request to speak with you directly and to address the DUP Party**Officers**

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Sent: 25 March 2016 13:52

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bell, Jonathan [mailto:jonathan.bell@mla.niassembly.gov.uk]

Sent: 25 March 2016 12:36

To: DODDS, Nigel <nigel.dodds.mp@parliament.uk>; arlene@arlenefoster.org.uk; Morrow, Maurice <maurice.morrow@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Request to speak with you directly and to address the DUP Party Officers

Thanks Nigel

Throughout this process I have sought to ensure the best interests of the DUP are to the forefront - respectfully I urge you to have a telephone conversation with him I believe that is of the utmost importance.

I have informed the DUP Chairman of all the information I have and have fully discharged my responsibility to the DUP having done so I have discharged my responsibility it is now for those with the authority to take forward and take the appropriate action.

I have sought a meeting with the Party leader but have received no response from that request.

These matters are of the greatest urgency and the Party Officers, President and Vice President should be convened with the utmost urgency.

As regards the division of the constituency I had replied to an e mail where I had related that the constituency should be divided as per the 2011 agreement which worked well with any extra that was given to Michelle McIlveen given to the new candidate.

That I believe is in the best interests of the DUP and the fairest process for all concerned.

The present division I regard as penalising me and is grossly unfair and with stification I regard as unacceptable.

I have communicated by e mail this proposal previously to all candidates as I understand with Michelle away and Simon only available by e mail that is the only way to take this forward.

I look forward to meeting with both yourself and Arlene next week.

Jonathan Bell MLA

Sent from my iPhone

> On 25 Mar 2016, at 10:59, DODDS, Nigel <nigel.dodds.mp@parliament.uk> wrote:

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> Jonathan

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> Thanks for your email.

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> With regard to the Strangford division, this has been signed off by the Party Officers. However even at this late stage if agreement can be reached between the candidates then I'm sure that any agreed division would be considered. In order that the rest of the campaign is not held up, any agreed revised proposal would need to be

sent back to me by 5pm today. Pending any agreement the present division remains in force.

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> With so much business at the Executive that I had to take care of, I did not have a separate meeting with Maurice and therefore don't have the details you refer to. If you have any allegations to make then I am sure that the Party Officers would be willing to hear them. However, with the holiday period starting and some people away it will not be possible to organise this until that is over .
> If you feel the matter is of greater urgency than this then you could write to the Party Officers about any specific allegations that you may have.

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> Separately we still need to have the meeting with Arlene, you and me which I hope can be arranged for later next week?

> Nigel

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Bell, Jonathan [mailto:jonathan.bell@mla.niassembly.gov.uk]

> Sent: 25 March 2016 08:06

> To: DODDS, Nigel <nigel.dodds.mp@parliament.uk>; arlene@arlenefoster.org.uk; Morrow, Maurice <maurice.morrow@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>

> Subject: Request to speak with you directly and to address the DUP Party Officers

> I have appraised the Party Chairman of the seriousness and unacceptable behaviour of DUP Ministers and DUP MLAs and the serious concerns relating to DUP SPADs - from your earlier e mail I understand you were meeting Lord Morrow last night as Director of Elections can you advise me that you are now appraised of the detail of the discussion I had with Lord Morrow after the Executive meeting yesterday?

> I request to meet the DUP Party Officers as a matter of urgency.

> It is imperative that the DUP Leader, Party President and Vice Presidents and the Party Officers are aware of the confirmed unacceptable behaviour relating to DUP Ministers and the serious concerns of behaviour that is under investigation before any decision is made on which candidates go forward for election or how both my own and other constituencies are divided.

> I am free to meet the Party Leader and Officers at anytime and I suggest and will make myself available today - pending this I request that the current unacceptable proposed division of Strangford is suspended and no election literature is produced.

> Jonathan Bell MLA
DETI Minister

> Sent from my iPhone

>> On 24 Mar 2016, at 21:56, DODDS, Nigel <nigel.dodds.mp@parliament.uk> wrote:

>> Spoke to Simon at Executive this meeting about the division of the area and trying to get agreement locally. He's going to contact you. The officers agreed tonight that all divisions have to be sorted by close of play tomorrow.

>> I'm in London tomorrow and will be there over bank holiday weekend but can be available by middle of the week.

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>>> On 24 Mar 2016, at 18:42, Bell, Jonathan <jonathan.bell@mla.niassembly.gov.uk> wrote:

>>> Looking forward to meeting asap.

>>> I am willing to meet candidates at any time however if they choose not to meet I

feel it is unfair to penalise me.

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>>> Jonathan Bell

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>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>> On 24 Mar 2016, at 17:26, DODDS, Nigel <nigel.dodds.mp@parliament.uk> wrote:

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>>>> Dear Jonathan,

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>>>> I will be seeing Maurice later this evening so I'll come back to you on the meeting.

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>>>> Regarding the division of the constituency the process under the party rules is that if there's a meeting of the candidates and agreement amongst them then the POs ratify it.

>>>> But if there's no meeting/agreement the POs have to make the decision.

>>>> So best way forward is to get together and try to come to an agreed position although time is short.

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>>>> Best

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>>>> Nigel

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>> -----Original Message-----

>>>> From: Bell, Jonathan [<mailto:jonathan.bell@mla.niassembly.gov.uk>]

>>>> Sent: 24 March 2016 13:23

>>>> To: DODDS, Nigel <nigel.dodds.mp@parliament.uk>

>>>> Subject: Request to speak with you directly and to address the DUP Party Officers

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>>>> I respectfully request to speak with you directly about serious inappropriate behaviour relating to current DUP MLAs and then to address the DUP Party Officers - I cannot emphasise enough the seriousness of this. I have informed the Party Chairman.

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>>>> I respectfully request that the division of the Strangford Constituency be suspended until these meetings take place

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