

STATEMENT OF DIGNA MARTINEZ

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Date of Interview: 3 June 2011
Place of Interview: Telephone interview
Interviewed: Digna Martinez
Interviewer: Tim O'Gara, Solicitor ("The Investigator")

I, Digna Martinez of [INSERT ADDRESS] state as follows,

1. This statement is based on my interview with the Investigator on 3 June 2011. I confirm that I have been advised of the investigation procedure and that I was content to be interviewed by telephone by the Investigator on 3 June 2011.
2. I understand that Councillor Nuala Young of Oxford City Council is being investigated for a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct and that she has suggested to the investigator that I would be an appropriate person to interview in connection with the investigation.
3. I am the Tours Co-ordinator at the Oxford Tourist Information Centre. I have worked at the Oxford TIC for 5 or years and I have known Nuala throughout this time, because she is one of the freelance tour guides.
4. I have looked at our records for the last year or so and they confirm that Nuala does not do more than 5 tours in any month. In some months she has not done any tours. Each tour is about 2 hours long. The payment for each tour is between £50 and £60. Nuala does not do a large amount of work for the TIC. She is not one of our busiest tour guides. She certainly does not live off the tours. I think she also does tours for free, such as the Open Doors and that she also does Charity work.
5. The tour guides are supposed to provide me with their availability every month, however I do not always receive details of Nuala's availability. If she does not let me know her availability, then I am not able to give her any work. If there is a late minute booking, I might try to contact her to see if she is available even though she has not provided me with her availability.
6. I am aware of the proposals for Destination Management. I vaguely remember a conversation with Nuala about questions for the Council meeting, however I cannot.

remember when that was. My personal view is that this should not have any impact on tour guides.

7. I am aware that Nuala is known for fighting for the rights of minority groups and that she is always in the paper campaigning for local issues. I think she is a councillor who will always fight for anyone who approaches her. I think she was also active in the campaign to have the fountain on the Plain at the end of the High Street replaced.
8. I confirm that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:



Date:

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