

26 Mawrth 2018

Annwyl Arglwydd Bew,

I would like to thank you for the work you have undertaken in coming to your conclusions in the report *Intimidation in Public Life*. Your findings tally with many of our experiences in Plaid Cymru, and we have been taking steps in response to some of our internal challenges. Your report adds weight and urgency to our efforts to address some of these challenges.

The Committee's recommendations were discussed at a meeting of the party's National Executive Committee on 27 January. Many of the recommendations are in hand or have already been acted upon. Those that are not yet complete but which we anticipate shall be by the deadline of December 2018 are:

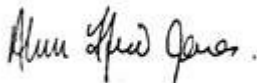
- *Political parties should set clear expectations about the behaviour expected of their members, both offline and online through a code of conduct for members which specifically prohibits any intimidatory behaviour. Parties should ensure that members are familiar with the code. The consequences of any breach of the code should be clear and unambiguous.*
- *The political parties must work together to develop a joint code of conduct on intimidatory behaviour during election campaigns. The code should be jointly enforced by the political parties.*

We provide resources and support to all candidates for election, and we have Party sections that provide additional support for women and LGBT members. We do not currently have a Party section providing additional support for BAME members; this was noted at our most recent National Executive Committee meeting of 22 March.

Candidates at the 2017 UK election were offered bespoke social media training and support. However we recognise that this needs to be developed further for all future elections to include managing social media profiles, block and mute features, reporting content, and recognising when behaviour should be reported directly to the police. Our Head of Strategic Communications has been charged with ensuring that these elements are incorporated.

I hope that this provides you with confidence that Plaid Cymru is doing everything within our power to eliminate intimidatory behaviour from public life.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir,



Alun Ffred Jones
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Plaid Cymru