

Dear Colleagues,

I feel I must write this letter of apology, for my post on Ben Everitt's Facebook page, which was in response to a post about the Immigration Act that was going through Parliament.

I can now see how badly it was written and I am truly sorry for the upset this has caused. I was trying to highlight the issue of illegal immigration and not legal migration. What I wrote was totally unacceptable but not at all what I meant.

Having served in the armed forces, I have worked with people of all backgrounds for a common good. I have strived to do this as a councillor also.

I have issued a public apology, had the comment deleted and referred myself to the Milton Keynes Council Standards Committee.

In discussion with my group leadership, I have also agreed to undertake diversity training and had the Armed Forces Champion role removed from me. I am looking at ways I can work within the diverse communities I represent, to make amends for my mistake.

I am very sorry for any upset, hurt and embarrassment caused to so very many people.

Terry Baines (Councillor)