

**INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
INVESTIGATION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO THE ALLEGATIONS OF
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE INVOLVING THE LATE LORD JANNER OF BRAUNSTONE Q.C.**

**SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE PRELIMINARY HEARING
ON 20 FEBRUARY 2020**

1. Leicestershire County Council ('LCC') is a Core Participant, (status granted on 29 February 2016)
2. LCC has considered:
 - a) the documentation arising from the IOPC investigation and decisions arising therefrom;
 - b) the most recent documents generated by Counsel to the Inquiry, including the submissions made regarding the viability of this strand of the Inquiry;
3. LCC wishes to confirm its commitment to assisting the Inquiry with its task. Counsel to the Inquiry has, in the past recognised the work undertaken and resources deployed in order to comply with the requests made of LCC. LCC will continue to cooperate with Counsel to the Inquiry and the Inquiry itself.
4. LCC has had the opportunity to reflect upon the latest submissions by Counsel to the Inquiry. LCC understands that the conclusion of those submissions will come as a considerable disappointment to those who have made allegations against the late Lord Janner of Braunstone QC and who are critical of the responses of institutions to those allegations. However, at the same time, LCC is conscious of the force of the arguments made in relation to whether any hearing could be conducted in such a manner as to hold the balance between all the competing factors cogently addressed by Counsel to the Inquiry.

5. LCC is aware that at the time of filing this document it has not read or considered submissions from the core participants. In those circumstances, LCC will do so once those submissions become available and, if appropriate, further oral representations may be made at the hearing listed on 20th February 2020.

Dated : - 6th February 2020

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