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substantiate the allegations and indeed the information she had received when she spoke to the former Chair of the Disciplinary Hearing confirmed that it had been dealt with internally, as it was not criminal. Mr CROPPER was informed of the outcome of the investigation by Detective Inspector BUGLASS.

On the 2nd February 2012 Detective Superintendent Phillip OWEN and Detective Inspector Trish OWEN met Barry CROPPER who had contacted the police when he learnt that Greater Manchester Police were about to commence an investigation into Cyril SMITH. He again provided the same information regarding [RO-F7] Detective Superintendent OWEN recalled that Mr CROPPER's main concerns were of corruption in local Government. Following the meeting he liaised with Detective Inspector BUGLASS and reviewed her paperwork and concluded there was no evidence to support the allegations.

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On the 25th March 2015, Mr CROPPER contacted Operation CLIFTON and stated he wished to provide information regarding [RO-F7] and others. He stated he had been given the information by Mr EVANS.

Mr EVANS told the inquiry team that in 2007 when he was made Mayor of Rochdale, his Deputy was [RO-F7] He states he was told by a fellow Liberal Councillor, Elwyn WATKINS, that a lady called [Mother] had told him that [RO-F7] [Irrelevant] but she didn't want the matter going to court. Mr EVANS was also told that [RO-F7] [Irrelevant]

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[Irrelevant]

[Irrelevant] He was allowed to leave and not disciplined.

Mr WATKINS told the inquiry team that [Irrelevant] be a lady called [Tbc] who lives on the Langley Estate, Middleton, Greater Manchester. He was told this by a woman who he helped when her grandchildren were threatened with being put into care. Enquiries with Social Services reveal that Mr WATKINS had written to the Local Authority in support of the [Mother] [Mother] during care proceedings relating to their grandchildren.

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[Mother] told the inquiry team that she knows [RO-F7] as [Irrelevant] Several years ago, he appeared to be in a relationship with an adult female called [Tbc] who lived

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