

[Applicant's name and address]

PCCS/00575/10

19 July 2011

Dear [Applicant]

I refer to your application to this office and write to provide you with my decision in your case.

You made the following complaints in your application:

- (1) that Strathclyde Police failed to investigate your criminal allegations about members of [local] Council; and
- (2) that Strathclyde Police took 15 months to advise you of its decision.

Your complaints relate to an unsuccessful planning application made to [local] Council and a number of issues arising from this process, which you reported as criminal allegations. Following investigation, Strathclyde Police determined that no crime had taken place.

Having reviewed all the information supplied to my office by you and Strathclyde Police, I am satisfied that both your complaints were dealt with in a reasonable manner. The investigation into your criminal allegations about [local] Council was reviewed by a senior member of Strathclyde Police's Economic Crime Unit. Detective Chief Inspector [A] determined that the original conclusion was correct as there was no evidence of criminality. Based on the information provided to my office, I agree with this assessment.

You were advised of the outcome of Detective Chief Inspector [A]'s enquiry and you have also received both an apology and a detailed explanation in relation to Strathclyde Police's failure to update you of its decision.

In these circumstances, I believe that both of your complaints were dealt with in a reasonable manner by Strathclyde Police.

In accordance with my normal practice, a copy of this letter will be published, in anonymised form, on my office's website. This will occur on 22 July 2011.

My involvement in your complaints is now at an end.

Yours sincerely

John McNeill
Police Complaints Commissioner for Scotland