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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

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Recorder Francis Evans QC

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Recorder Francis Evans was subject to an investigation into his conduct following two complaints. The first complaint was that he had consumed alcohol during the day on court premises which created significant problems for the court staff assisting him. The second complaint related to his repeated defaults of payment in relation to child maintenance orders and his failure to inform his leadership judge of the resultant court proceedings, including that he had twice been subject to a suspended committal order for non-payment of child maintenance. The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice considered that in both matters Recorder Evans’s actions demonstrated a lack of awareness and fell below the standard expected of a judicial office holder and have removed Recorder Evans from judicial office.”

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