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Stephen Dilley has been approached by an Insolvency Practitioner instructed by Castleton. You can read his comments about yourself.

Castleton has also agreed our total bill for costs in writing which means that we do not have to go to Court to have them taxed which incurs additional legal costs in its own right. This response also indicates that Castleton has no intention of appealing against the decision of the Court and that the judgement is the final comment on the matter.

As such we need to get on with making as much use of the judgement as possible. Stephen Dilley has asked for permission to publish an article in a legal journal about the case which I have no objection to as long as we maintain editorial control as the more publicity the case is given the greater should be its effect upon postmasters who take legal advice about defending claims for repayment.

Outstanding matters are ;

- communicating the matter to the Fed- agreeing a suitable form of words possibly with the assistance of external relations
- arranging a meeting with Fujitsu finalise the proposed change of words on the trading statement before the meeting - find out the cost of the suggested improvement from Fujitsu and estimate the cost of implementation across the network
- agreeing with the auditors that they will formally ask for , examine and refer to at least three months
  worth of branch trading statements on each audit,copies of which are to be attached to their reports

A charge obtained voluntarily over his share of the matrimonial house and a voluntary sale would be the most cost effective method of obtaining repayment of some of our outlay whilst minimising further costs.

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