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Our ref: LIT/253838XHJ

Please ask for: IH/AK/ROY28-313

Date: Ian Herbert

Direct line: 5 December 2006

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Dear Cheryl

RE: Name of (Sub) Postmaster: Ms. Josephine Hamilton  
Name of Post office: South Warnborough Post Office  
FAD Code: 092 904  
Your Reference: LIT/253838/XHJ

I believe that we have now reached a position where money will only be recovered through the commencement of proceedings.

Ms Hamilton's Solicitors have not been in touch with us since the 26th September.

Subject to obtaining a means report on Ms Hamilton and a formal Witness Statement from the auditor, I would advise that proceedings should be issued if a recovery is to be made.

I should point out that these proceedings are likely to be defended. Ms Hamilton is likely to allege that she was inadequately trained on the Horizon System. It is possible that she may also contend that there were errors within the Horizon software although her Solicitors have not specifically said so. Her letter does however hint at it. In light of that I am copying this letter to Mandy Talbot.

My best estimate of the costs, assuming the matter is fully contested all the way to trial, is that your costs will be in the region of £10,000 to £15,000 inclusive of VAT. Obviously if you were to be unsuccessful you are likely to be ordered to pay Ms Hamilton's costs, in addition to paying your own. Her costs are likely to be of a similar magnitude.

I await your instructions.

Yours sincerely

Ian Herbert  
HUGH JAMESc.c. Mandy Talbot  
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