

Case Study 1: Critical Thinking (Migrants)

You are a senior officer in your local council. Your portfolio councillor received a letter during a surgery, and it included a petition. **You have been asked to draft a reply for the councillor to review before it is possibly amended and sent. To help inform your reply make comments in relation to areas where you perceive evidence of a lack of critical thinking.**

We are a collective of local residents who have lived in Bradford for as many generations as we can trace. We started a local petition because we have seen standards fall in every single aspect of Bradford life since foreigners have been allowed in. Though we know that it is not your decision to allow people into the country we believe that the policy of the council to pander to any immigrant who turns up here is creating a magnet effect where more and more of these people are coming. Bradford no longer feels like home. We have turned a blind eye to this in the past but we now have to take a stand. Unemployment is up and our children are unable to find jobs; they couldn't get a council house if they tried because all social housing has been taken up by ethnic minorities and asylum seekers and they contribute nothing to our society.

We the undersigned are demanding a public statement a change to the local approach to immigrants.

Case Study 2: Critical Thinking (LGBTQ+)

The chair of governors at a local school received a letter addressed 'in confidence' . It was discussed at Governors meeting and as a result **you, as member of the school's management team, have been asked to draft a reply for the chair to review before it is possibly amended and sent. To help inform your reply make comments in relation to areas where you perceive evidence of a lack of critical thinking.**

Dear XXX

I thought it would be safe to write to you as I have seen you out with your wife and given your background I imagine you will agree with my views, even if you can't admit it. I am concerned that the school is rapidly moving towards a state where rather than educating our children to be moral and upstanding citizens they are being taught things that are anti-faith and dare I say it, over sexualising them at risk of causing problems such as disease, pregnancy, childlessness and the emasculation of boys. It must be clear to any right-minded person that a marriage can only be between a man and a woman and to pretend otherwise is insane.

I have noticed the way some of the male teachers look and I think it is clear that they are that way inclined and are probably bringing their agenda to the school.

I do applaud the school for doing well on most aspects of discipline and academic attainment but I wondered if you could offer me some reassurance that decent family values will be made a priority in the future.