

## AGENDA: Tuesday 26 September 2023

### STANDING ITEMS

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| 1. | Welcome, Apologies & Declarations of Interest | PW |
| 2. | Matters Arising & Outstanding Actions         | PW |

### CONSENT AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 3. | Draft Minute of Standards Commission meeting on 25 July 2023   | PW |
| 4. | Direction on Eligibility issued to Ethical Standards Commissioner under Section 10 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (verbal) | LJ |
| 5. | Review of British Sign Language Plan and progress report   | SN |

### STRATEGIC MATTERS

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| 6. | <b>FOR DISCUSSION:</b> Update on any outreach work to promote the Ethical Standards Framework | LJ |
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### BUSINESS MATTERS

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| 7.  | <b>FOR REVIEW:</b> Progress against Business Plan 2023/24  | LJ |
| 8.  | <b>FOR APPROVAL:</b> Review of the Standards Commission's Suspension Guidance  | LJ |
| 9.  | <b>FOR REVIEW:</b> Draft Response to Scottish Government's Consultation on Mandatory Training for Councillors on their role in the Planning System for Councillors | LJ |
| 10. | <b>FOR DISCUSSION:</b> Analysis of Hearing costs   | LJ |
| 11. | <b>FOR APPROVAL:</b> Content for Standards Update to be published by end of September 2023   | LJ |
| 12. | <b>FOR APPROVAL:</b> Review of Policy and Process documents for decisions made under Section 16 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000   | LJ |
| 13. | <b>FOR REVIEW:</b> Review of Whistleblowing Policy   | LJ |

### CASES

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| 14. | <b>NOTE OF DECISION OF NO BREACH &amp; SECTION 14 LETTERS / FURTHER INVESTIGATION REPORTS</b>                             | SCS |
|     | a) <b>NB/NHS NS/3874:</b> No breach report received from ESC about a member of NHS National Services Scotland – no action |     |

- b) **LA/H/3759**: Section 14 notification received re a Highland Councillor
- c) **NHS/WI/3815**: No breach report received from ESC about a former member of NHS Western Isles – no action
- d) **LA/AC/3812**: Section 14 notification received re an Aberdeen City Councillor.

**15. CASES AND POST HEARING UPDATES (VERBAL)**

**SCS**

- a) **LA/SL/3558a: Councillor Fagan of South Lanarkshire Council** (breach, post Hearing update)
- b) **LA/Mi/3803**: Councillor Pottinger of Midlothian Council
- c) **LA/SL/3558b**: Councillor McAdams of South Lanarkshire Council
- d) **LA/NL/3705**: Councillor Kenneth Duffy of North Lanarkshire Council
- e) **LA/E/3645**: Former Councillor John McLellan of City of Edinburgh Council
- f) **LA/As/3780**: Councillor Fatima Joji of Aberdeenshire Council

**16. THREE-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS / INTERIM REPORT**

**SCS**

- a) **LA/S/3791**: Investigation re a Stirling Councillor – six month progress report
- b) **LA/NA/3707**: Investigation re a North Ayrshire Councillor – nine month progress report
- c) **LA/I/3764**: Investigation re an Inverclyde Councillor – nine month progress report
- d) **LA/SB/3722**: Investigation re a Scottish Borders Councillor – six month progress report
- e) **LA/WL/3698**: Investigation re a West Lothian Councillor – nine month progress report

**17. FEEDBACK INCLUDING ANY HEARINGS SURVEY RESPONSES**

**LJ**

- a) Hearings Survey response received 25 July 2023
- b) Hearings Survey response received 8 August 2023
- c) Feedback from online meeting with Respondent

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 18. FOR DISCUSSION:** Any emerging risks

**SCS**

Agenda Items for next Meeting (verbal)

- 19. FOR INFORMATION:** 2023 Diary Dates – Meetings/Hearings/Events etc  
2023 Workplan

**LJ**