

# AGENDA: Monday 26 June 2023

## STANDING ITEMS

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

## CONSENT AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 3. | Draft Minute of Standards Commission meeting on 30 May 2023   | <b>PW</b> |
| 4. | Update on recent Court Decision concerning Article 10 of the European Convention on Human rights (being the right to freedom of expression) | <b>RW</b> |

## STRATEGIC MATTERS

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| 5. | <b>FOR DISCUSSION:</b> | Update on any outreach work to promote the Ethical Standards Framework | <b>LJ</b> |
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## BUSINESS MATTERS

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| 6.  | <b>FOR APPROVAL:</b>    | Content of Annual Report 2022/23  | <b>LJ</b> |
| 7.  | <b>FOR APPROVAL:</b>    | Dates for Standards Commission Meetings and Workshop with Standards Officers in 2024  | <b>JS</b> |
| 8.  | <b>FOR INFORMATION:</b> | Update on progress with draft Advice Note for College Sector Board Members (verbal)   | <b>LJ</b> |
| 9.  | <b>FOR REVIEW:</b>      | End of quarter one review of progress against actions identified in the Business Plan for 2023/24   | <b>LJ</b> |
| 10. | <b>FOR APPROVAL:</b>    | Content of Standards Update to be issued and published at end of June 2023  | <b>LJ</b> |
| 11. | <b>FOR REVIEW:</b>      | Annual review of the Standards Commission's Policy on the Application of Sanctions at Hearings following a finding of a breach of a Code of Conduct | <b>LJ</b> |

## CASES

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| 12. | <b>NOTE OF DECISION OF NO BREACH &amp; SECTION 14 LETTERS / FURTHER INVESTIGATION REPORTS</b>          | <b>SCS</b> |
|     | a) <b>LA/As/3784:</b> No breach report received from ESC about an Aberdeenshire Councillor – no action |            |
|     | b) <b>LA/E/3645:</b> Section 14 notification received from ESC about a City of Edinburgh Councillor    |            |

- c) **LA/E/3768:** Breach report received from ESC about a City of Edinburgh Councillor – no action

**13. CASES AND POST HEARING UPDATES (VERBAL) SCS**

- a) **LA/D/3745 & 3742:** Former Councillor Murray of Dundee City Council  
b) **LA/S/3571:** Councillor Gibson of Stirling Council  
c) **LA/SL/3558a:** Councillor Fagan of South Lanarkshire Council  
d) **LA/Fi/3614:** Former Councillor Linda Holt of Fife Council  
e) **LA/Mi/3803:** Councillor Pottinger of Midlothian Council  
f) **LA/SL/3558b:** Councillor McAdams of South Lanarkshire Council

**14. THREE-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS / INTERIM REPORT SCS**

- a) **LA/As/3780:** Investigation re an Aberdeenshire councillor – six month progress report from ESC  
b) **LA/WL/3698:** Investigation re a West Lothian councillor – six month progress report from ESC

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

- a) Hearings Survey response received 30 May 2023 **LJ**  
b) Hearings Survey response received 12 June 2023  
c) Formal complaint and response

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**16. FOR DISCUSSION: Any emerging risks SCS**

Agenda Items for next Meeting (verbal)

**17. FOR INFORMATION: 2023 Diary Dates – Meetings/Hearings/Events etc LJ**  
2023 Workplan