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CE of Councils

13 March 2015

Dear Chief Executive

Dispensation under the Councillors' Code of Conduct for Councillor Membership of Integration Joint Boards

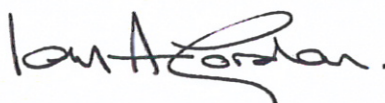
Following the consideration of a request and acceptance it met the criteria for such dispensations, the Standards Commission for Scotland has decided to grant a specific dispensation under the Councillors' Code of Conduct for councillors who have been appointed by their Council to be a member of an Integration Joint Board, which is established for the area of their council under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. This is so councillors, as voting members of the Integration Joint Board, do not have to declare their interest when discussions on general health and social care issues arise and can participate in discussions and voting on these issues. Councillors will still be required to declare other interests, in terms of Section 5 of the Code of Conduct.

The Standards Commission has also granted a similar dispensation under the Model Code for voting members of Integration Joint Boards who are members of Health Boards.

I would be grateful if you could write to any elected Members who had been nominated to sit on the Integration Joint Boards in your authority to advise them of this dispensation. If no Members have been nominated as yet, please advise all elected Members in your authority. It would be helpful if you could write to the Standards Commission to confirm that this has been done.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Standards Commission if you have any queries. I look forward to receipt of your confirmation that councillors have been advised of the dispensation as requested.

Yours sincerely



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Convener

cc: Monitoring Officer

