



THE STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

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At a Hearing of the Standards Commission for Scotland held in Renfrewshire on Wednesday 11 March 2015, the Hearing Panel censured Councillor Andy Doig for a breach of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

The Code is issued by Scottish Ministers to encourage and promote ethical standards for all councillors in Scotland. Councillor Doig is a member of Renfrewshire Council

The Standards Commission considered a complaint that on 26 March 2014 an article in the 'Gazette' newspaper reported that Councillor Doig had suggested the Convener of the Council's Planning and Property Board had prejudged a planning application. Councillor Doig accepted that he had made that comment.

The Panel found that the comment was disrespectful to the Convener and in so doing Councillor Doig had failed in his duty to respect other councillors.

The Code of Conduct applies in all circumstances where elected members are acting in their official capacity and is not restricted to meetings within the council chambers.

Notes for editors:

The Standards Commission for Scotland is established in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life (Scotland) Act 2000. Under the terms of the Act, Scottish Ministers issue a Councillors' Code of Conduct. The Standards Commission for Scotland is charged with enforcing the Code and adjudicating on complaints received from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

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The Standards Commission for Scotland's Hearing Panel decision will be available to download from the Commission's website within 21 working days.