

MINUTES

Meeting date: Wednesday 31 May 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

- Kevin Dunion
- Lindsey Gallanders
- Michael McCormick
- Tricia Stewart
- Julie Ward
- Lorna Johnston (Executive Director)
- Elaine McLean (Business Manager)

ITEM	CONTENT	ACTION
STANDING ITEMS		
1.	<p>APOLOGIES No apologies were tendered.</p> <p>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest were made.</p>	
2.	<p>DRAFT MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING Members reviewed and approved the minute of the meeting held on 24 April 2017.</p>	
3.	<p>MATTERS ARISING Members further noted that all matters arising were either complete or to be discussed under the main agenda.</p>	
BUSINESS MATTERS		
4.	<p>COMMUNICATIONS:</p> <p>a) Crofting Commission Training event on 4 May 2017 Members noted the verbal updated provide by Mrs Gallanders on the well-received training event the Standards Commission led on 4 May 2017.</p>	
	<p>b) Hearings Survey Members noted that no new responses had been received to the Hearing Survey but that the Executive Team would continue to send the link to the survey site to anyone involved in Hearings, including members of the public in attendance.</p>	
	<p>c) Website Domain Name Members noted the verbal update provided in respect of work to secure the Standards Commission's website domain. The Executive Team would continue to provide updates at each meeting until the matter was resolved and the domain name secured.</p>	Executive Team
	<p>d) Regional Training Events Members noted the responses received from Council Chief Executives to the correspondence issued by the Standards Commission in respect of its plans to conduct four regional training events on the Councillors' Code of Conduct. In light of the responses, Members agreed these should be held in Glasgow, Edinburgh, South Ayrshire and Inverness. Members agreed that Mr Dunion and Mrs Stewart would attend the events in Glasgow and Inverness, Mrs Gallanders and Mr McCormick would attend the event in Edinburgh, and Mrs Ward and Mr McCormick would attend the event in South Ayrshire. Members asked that the Executive Team identify suitable dates and liaise with the Councils involved with regard to arranging suitable venues.</p>	Executive

CASES UPDATE	
14.	<p>NOTES OF DECISION/CASES NOT PURSUED & SECTION 14 NOTIFICATION LETTERS</p> <p>Members reviewed two cases published by the CESPLS on his website following completion of his investigation.</p> <p>Members noted a Section 14 notification letter had been received in respect of an elected member of East Dunbartonshire Council.</p>
15.	<p>BREACH REPORTS AND HEARINGS UPDATE</p> <p>a) LA/E/1737 & 1751: Councillors Jeremy Balfour and Cameron Rose of Edinburgh City Council. Members noted the first two days of the Hearing had been held on 17 and 19 May 2017. Members further noted that the Hearing was scheduled to conclude on 8 June 2017.</p> <p>b) LA/WL/1824: Councillor Angela Moohan of West Lothian Council. Members noted the Hearing had taken place 24 May 2017. Former Councillor Moohan had been found to have contravened the Councillors' Code of Conduct and had been censured.</p> <p>c) LA/NL/1936: Councillor Marina Lyle of North Lanarkshire Council. Members noted a Hearing had been arranged to take place on 5 June 2017.</p> <p>d) LA/AS/1963 & 1993: Councillor Alexander Duncan of Aberdeenshire Council. Members noted a Hearing had been arranged to take place on 21 June 2017.</p> <p>e) LA/E/1924: Councillor Jim Orr of Edinburgh City Council. Members noted that a Hearing had been arranged to take place on 11 July 2017.</p> <p>f) LA/G/1937: Councillor William McAllister of Glasgow City Council. Members noted that a Hearing had been arranged to take place on 26 July 2017.</p>
AOB	
15.	<p>2017/18 DIARY DATES/MEETINGS</p> <p>Members reviewed the schedule and planned activities.</p> <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The Standards Commission will next meet on Monday, 26 June 2017.</p>