STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND

INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC LIFE

AGENDA: Tuesday 27 January 2026

STANDING ITEMS

1.	Welcome, Apologies & Declarations of Interest		**SV**
2.	Matters Arising & Outstanding Actions		**SV**

CONSENT AND INFORMATION ITEMS

3.	Draft Minute of Meeting on 8 December 2025		**SV**

STRATEGIC MATTERS

4.	**FOR DISCUSSION:**	Promoting the Ethical Standards Framework and Update on Outreach Work	**LJ**
5.	**FOR DISCUSSION:**	Business Plan 2026/27	**LJ**
6.	**FOR DISCUSSION:**	Risk Register 2026/27	**LJ**

BUSINESS MATTERS

7.	**FOR INFORMATION:**	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting on 20 January 2026	**LJ**
8.	**FOR REVIEW:**	Review of Expenditure against Budget to 31 December 2025	**LJ**
9.	**FOR REVIEW:**	Quarter 3 progress against Key Performance Indicators and annual review of measures	**LJ**
10.	**FOR APPROVAL:**	Programme for Standards Officers' Workshop	**LJ**
11.	**FOR DISCUSSION:**	Surveys to be undertaken in 2026/27	**LJ**

CASES (Discussed in Private)

12. **NOTE OF NO ACTION DECISIONS & SECTION 14 LETTERS** **SCS**

a) **LA/Fa/4441**: Section 14 notification received re a Falkirk Councillor advising that a draft breach report has been issued by the ESC
b) **LA/H/4330**: Breach report received re a Highland Councillor – no action
c) **LA/R/4412**: No breach report received re a Renfrewshire Councillor – no action
d) **LA/H/4296**: Breach report received re a Highland Councillor – no action

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

a) **LA/DG/4304**: Dumfries and Galloway councillor - Interim Suspension
b) **LA/G/4115**: Councillor George Redmond of Glasgow City Council (**LS**, HD, SV)
c) **LA/DG/4041**: Councillor John Denerley of Dumfries and Galloway Council (**MB**, MF, LS)

d) **NPA/LLT/4184**: Sid Perrie, Member of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority
e) **LA/G/4182**: Councillor Fiona Higgins of Glasgow City Council (**SV**, MF, HD)
f) **LA/E/4130**: Councillor Neil Ross and Councillor Marie-Clair Munro of City of Edinburgh Council (**LS**, HD, MF)
g) **LA/AB/4081**: Councillor Tommy Macpherson of Argyll and Bute Council (no breach, post Hearing update)
LA/AB/4147: Councillor Liz McCabe of Argyll and Bute Council (breach, post Hearing update)
h) **LA/H/4028:** Councillor Michael Baird of Highland Council (breach, post Hearing update)

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

a) **NB/HES/4282**: Investigation re a former member of Historic Environment Scotland – six-month progress report on investigation from ESC
b) **LA/ER/4382**: Investigation re an East Renfrewshire Councillor – three-month progress report on investigation from ESC
c) **LA/Fa/4359**: Investigation re a Falkirk Councillor – three-month progress report on investigation from ESC
d) **LA/AB/4402**: Investigation re an Argyll and Bute Councillor – three-month progress report on investigation from ESC
e) **LA/AB/4265**: Investigation re an Argyll and Bute Falkirk Councillor – six-month progress report on investigation from ESC
f) **LA/Fi/4293**: Investigation re a Fife Councillor – six-month progress report on investigation from ESC
g) **LA/ER/4374**: Investigation re an East Renfrewshire Councillor – three-month progress report on investigation from ESC
h) **LA/EA/4394**: Investigation re an East Lothian Councillor – three-month progress report on investigation from ESC

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

16. NOTABLE CASES FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS **LJ**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17. FOR DISCUSSION: Any emerging risks (verbal) **SCS**

Topics for Training and Development Day on 23 February 2026 (verbal)

Agenda Items for next Meeting (verbal)

18. FOR INFORMATION: 2025/26 Diary Dates – Meetings/Hearings/Events etc **LJ**
2025/26 Workplan