

AGENDA: 25 May 2026

STANDING ITEMS

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

CONSENT AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 3. | Draft Minute of Meeting on 31 March 2026 | SV |
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STRATEGIC MATTERS

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| 4. | FOR DISCUSSION: | Promoting the Ethical Standards Framework and Update on Outreach Work | LJ |
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BUSINESS MATTERS

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| 5. | FOR REVIEW: | Human Resources Committee on 21 April 2026 | LJ |
| 6. | FOR REVIEW: | Audit and Risk Committee on 19 May 2026 | LJ |
| 7. | FOR INFORMATION: | Expenditure against Budget 2025/26 | LJ |
| 8. | FOR INFORMATION: | Committee Membership and Members' Performance Review 2025/26 (verbal) | SV |
| 9. | FOR APPROVAL: | Sections 1 and 4 of Annual Report 2025/26 | LJ |
| 10. | FOR REVIEW: | Business Classification Scheme, Document Retention Schedule and Disposal Policy | LJ |

CASES

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| 11. | NOTE OF NO ACTION/FURTHER INVESTIGATION DECISIONS & SECTION 14 LETTERS | SCS |
| | a) LA/AB/4373: No breach report received re an Argyll and Bute Councillor – no action | |
| | b) LA/NA/4504: No breach report received re a North Ayrshire Councillor – no action | |
| | c) LA/AC/4454: No breach report received re an Aberdeen City Councillor – no action | |
| | d) LA/AB/4265: Section 14 notification received re an Argyll and Bute Councillor advising that a draft breach report has been issued by the ESC | |
| | e) LA/EL/4472: No breach report received re an East Lothian Councillor – direct further investigation | |
| | f) LA/H/4491: No breach report received re a Highland Councillor – no action | |
| | g) LA/EL/4360: Breach report received re an East Lothian Councillor – no action | |

- h) **LA/NL/4478**: Section 14 notification received re four North Lanarkshire Councillors advising that a draft breach report has been issued by the ESC
- i) **LA/EA/4394**: Section 14 notification received re an East Ayrshire Councillor advising that a draft breach report has been issued by the ESC
- j) **LA/G/4505**: No breach report received re a Glasgow City Councillor – no action
- k) **LA/H/4469**: Section 14 notification received re a Highland Councillor advising that a draft breach report has been issued by the ESC
- l) **NB/HES/4282**: Section 14 notification received re a former member of Historic Environment Scotland advising that a draft breach report has been issued by the ESC
- m) **LA/AB/4265**: No breach report received re an Argyll and Bute Councillor – no action
- n) **LA/Fi/4293**: No breach report received re a Fife Councillor – no action
- o) **LA/DG/4304**: Section 14 notification received re a Dumfries and Galloway Councillor advising that a draft breach report has been issued by the ESC
- p) **LA/SL/4465**: Section 14 notification received re a South Lanarkshire Councillor advising that a draft breach report has been issued by the ESC

12. CASES AND POST HEARING UPDATES (VERBAL)

SCS

- a) **LA/S/4312**: Cllr Gerry McLaughlan of Stirling Council (**HD, SV, LS**)
- b) **LA/As/4458**: Councillor Alan Buchan of Aberdeenshire Council (**MB, HD, SV**)
- c) **LA/ER/4506**: Councillor Colm Merrick of East Renfrewshire Council (**LS, MB, HD**)
- d) **LA/DG/4408**: Councillor Andrew Wood of Dumfries and Galloway Council (**MF, SV, HD**)
- e) **NPA/LLT/4230**: Sid Perrie, Member of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority (**SV, HD, MF**)
- f) **LA/G/4182**: Councillor Fiona Higgins of Glasgow City Council (**MF, SV, HD**)

13. THREE-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS

SCS

- a) **LA/An/4457**: Investigation re three Angus Councillors – three-month progress report on investigation from ESC
- b) **LA/SA/4134, LA/SA/4220, LA/SA/4222**: Investigation re three South Ayrshire Councillors – 12-month progress report on investigation from ESC
- c) **LA/SL/4470**: Investigation re a South Lanarkshire Councillor – five-month progress report on investigation
- d) **LA/Mi/4405**: Investigation re a Midlothian Councillor – six-month progress report on investigation
- e) **NHS/MiIJB/4415**: Investigation re a Midlothian IJB member – six-month progress report on investigation from ESC
- f) **LA/As/4482**: Investigation re an Aberdeenshire Councillor – three-month progress report on investigation
- g) **LA/I/4423**: Investigation re an Inverclyde Councillor – three-month progress report on investigation

14. FEEDBACK INCLUDING ANY HEARINGS SURVEY RESPONSES

LJ

- a) Hearings Survey response received - LA/E/4130
- b) Feedback received from Complainer – LA/G/4505
- c) Feedback received from College Development Network on Training Session

15. **FOR DISCUSSION:** Any emerging risks **SCS**
Agenda Items for next Meeting (verbal)
16. **FOR INFORMATION:** 2026/27 Diary Dates – Meetings/Hearings/Events etc **LJ**
2026/27 Workplan