

AGENDA: 27 July 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 25 May 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 APPROVAL: | Annual Report and Accounts 2025/26 | LJ |
| 6. | FOR INFORMATION: | Report on the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 21 July 2026 | LJ |
| 7. | FOR REVIEW: | Report on Expenditure against Budget for Quarter One of 2026/27 | SN |
| 8. | FOR REVIEW: | Review of Business Plan for Quarter One of 2026/27 | LJ |
| 9. | FOR APPROVAL: | Generative AI Policy | LJ |

CASES

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| 10. | NOTE OF NO ACTION DECISIONS & SECTION 14 LETTERS | SCS |
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- a) **LA/SL/4465:** Breach report received re a South Lanarkshire Councillor – no action
 - b) **LA/AB/4521:** Section 14 notification received re an Argyll and Bute Councillor advising that a draft breach report has been issued by the ESC
 - c) **LA/H/4469:** No breach report received re a Highland Councillor – no action
 - d) **LA/Mi/4405 & NHS/MiIJB/4415:** No breach report received re a Midlothian Councillor – no action
 - e) **NPA/C/4143:** No breach report received re a former member of the Cairngorms National Park Authority – no action
 - f) **LA/Mi/4558:** No breach report received re a Midlothian Councillor – no action
 - g) **LA/NL/4478:** Breach report received re four North Lanarkshire Councillors – no action
 - h) **LA/E/4529:** Section 14 notification received re a City of Edinburgh Councillor advising that a draft breach report has been issued by the ESC
 - i) **LA/As/4523:** Breach report received re an Aberdeenshire Councillor – no action

- j) **LA/AB/4541:** No breach report received re an Argyll and Bute Councillor – no action
- k) **LA/Mo/4530:** No breach reports received re two Moray Councillors – no action
- l) **LA/AB/4542:** No breach report received re an Argyll and Bute Councillor – no action
- m) **LA/OI/4557:** No breach report received re an Orkney Islands Councillor – no action
- n) **LA/NL/4567:** No breach report received re a North Lanarkshire Councillor – no action

11. **CASES AND POST HEARING UPDATES (VERBAL)**

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- a) **LA/S/4312:** Councillor 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 (**HD**, MB, LS)
- d) **LA/EA/4394:** Councillor James Adams of East Ayrshire Council (**MB**, LS, MF)
- e) **LA/DG/4408:** Councillor Andrew Wood of Dumfries and Galloway Council (**MF**, SV, HD)
- f) **LA/An/4457:** Councillors David Cheape, Iain Gall and Tommy Stewart of Angus Council (**LS**, SV, MB)
- g) **NPA/LLT/4230:** Sid Perrie, Member of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority (**SV**, HD, MF)
- h) **NB/HES/4282:** Dr Hugh Hall, former member of Historic Environment Scotland (direct further investigation)
- i) **LA/G/4182:** Councillor Fiona Higgins of Glasgow City Council (**MF**, SV, HD)

12. **THREE-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS / INTERIM REPORT**

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- a) **LA/EA/4438:** Investigation re an East Ayrshire Councillor – six-month progress report on investigation from ESC
- b) **LA/SL/4470:** Investigation re a South Lanarkshire Councillor – six-month progress report on investigation from ESC
- c) **LA/AB/4521:** Investigation re an Argyll and Bute Councillor – three-month progress report on investigation from ESC
- d) **LA/NL/4498:** Investigation re a North Lanarkshire councillor – three-month progress report on investigation from ESC
- e) **LA/SA/4134, 4220, 4222:** Investigation re three South Ayrshire Councillors – 15-month progress report on investigation from ESC
- f) **LA/E/4529:** Investigation re a City of Edinburgh Councillor – three-month progress report on investigation from ESC

13. **FEEDBACK INCLUDING ANY HEARINGS SURVEY RESPONSES**

- a) Hearings Survey response received - LA/As/4458

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14. **NOTABLE CASES FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 15. **FOR DISCUSSION:** Any emerging risks

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November 2026 Members' training (verbal)

Agenda Items for next Meeting (verbal)

16. FOR INFORMATION: 2026/27 Diary Dates – Meetings/Hearings/Events etc
2026/27 Workplan

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