

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 26 JUNE 2013
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Section 18 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 requires a Council in receipt of findings from the Standards Commission following a hearing, to consider those findings at a meeting of Council. It is not available to delegate this function to an officer or to a committee and the findings must be considered within three months of receipt. These provisions are repeated in Rule 10.8 of the Commission's Hearings rules which also require the outcome of any consideration to be reported back to the Commission.

2. HEARING AND FINDINGS

- 2.1 The Standards Commission met in Falkirk on 17 April 2013 for a hearing to consider a complaint against Councillor Buchanan. As required by the Act, a copy of the Commission's findings, which were issued on 18 April 2013, is attached to this report.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **It is recommended that Council considers the findings of the Standards Commission as required by Section 18 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000.**

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Chief Governance Officer

Date: 19 June, 2013

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil