

FC10. ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

Council considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer presenting the Standards Commission's findings following a hearing to consider a complaint against Councillor Spears.

Council was required, in terms of Section 18 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, to consider the findings of the Standards Commission following a hearing. The Act requires that findings are considered within 3 months of receipt.

In recognition of Councillor Spears' absence from the meeting, Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor D Goldie, moved that Council:-

- (1) continues consideration of the findings to another meeting, to allow Councillor Spears to be present, for the following reasons:-
 - (i) in the interest of natural justice;
 - (ii) to permit Councillor Spears to answer any questions from members; and
 - (iii) to provide an opportunity for Councillor Spears to give a response to the chamber; and
- (2) that an extension be sought from the Standards Commission to the requirement to consider the findings within 3 months of receipt, which failing a special meeting is called.

Decision

Council agreed the motion.