

FC23. 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.

The Provost invited Councillor Spears to address the chamber. Councillor Spears then made an unreserved apology to the Provost, all elected members and officers.

Councillor D Goldie, seconded by Baillie Paterson, moved that "for the duration of this Council, Councillor Spears be not invited to any civic event."

As an amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved that, in addition "the same sanction be applied to other members similarly sanctioned in the past by the Standards Commission."

In terms of Standing Order 20.10, Provost Reid ruled that the amendment was not competent because it introduced new subject matter into the motion.

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Coleman, then moved an amendment that "Council applies the same sanction to Councillor Spears as was applied to Baillie Buchanan, i.e. that he is made a Baillie."

In terms of Standing Order 20.10, Provost Reid ruled that the amendment was not competent because it was not relevant to the motion.

Councillor Chalmers, seconded by Councillor Carleschi, then moved an amendment that "Council notes the report and takes no further action."

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), a vote was taken by roll call, there being 32 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (17) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Decision

Council agreed the motion.