



Standards Commission for Scotland Hearing NPA/LLT/4184 Written Decision

Agenda Item 7

National Park Authority Board Meeting
Monday 9 March 2026

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1. Purpose

1.1. To update members on the decision of the Standard's Commission for Scotland Hearing held on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at Balloch, in line with requirement to do so under Section 18 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. Members are asked to consider and note the decision of the Standards Commission for Scotland Hearing.

3. Background

3.1. A complaint was made to the Ethical Standards Commissioner on 30 August 2024 concerning alleged contravention of the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority Code of Conduct for Board Members by Mr Sid Perrie (the Respondent).

3.2. An investigation into the complaint was undertaken by the Ethical Standards Commissioner's Senior Investigating Officer.

3.3. The Ethical Standards Commissioner referred their report to the Standards Commission on 17 October 2025.

3.4. The Standards Commission held a Hearing Panel to consider the report on 10 February 2026.

4. Decision

4.1. The Hearing Panel found that the Code of Conduct (Appendix 2) applied to the Respondent

4.2. The Hearing Panel found that the Respondent breached paragraphs 3.1, 3.2, 3.8, 3.11 and 3.22 of the Code of Conduct and that a restriction on his right to freedom of expression that such a finding would entail could be justified.

4.3. The Hearing Panel found that the Respondent had not breached paragraphs 3.9 or 3.24 of the Code of Conduct.

5. Sanction

5.1. The decision of the Hearing Panel was to suspend, for a period of 6 months with effect from 20 February 2026, the Respondent from all meetings of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority and of any committee or sub-committee thereof and of any other body on which the member is a representative or nominee of the body.

5.2. This sanction was made under section 19(1)(c) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000.

5.3. The Panel further directed, in terms of section 19(6) of the 2000 Act, that any remuneration or allowance deriving from the Respondent's membership of the Park Authority that would be payable to him, be not paid during the period of suspension.

6. Appeal

6.1. The Respondent has a right of appeal in respect of this decision, as outlined in Section 22 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Decision of the Hearing Panel of the Standards Commission for Scotland

Appendix 2 - Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority Code of Conduct for Board Members

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