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Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Suzanne Vestri
Standards Commission for Scotland

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Dear Suzanne

Standards Commission for Scotland – Evidence session on 19 November 2024

Thank you for your letter of 6 January. The Committee considered this at its meeting on 14 January.

You offered to write to all local authorities to request they agree to making training on the Code of Conduct mandatory for new councillors. The Committee agreed this was a helpful approach, recognising the caveats about the powers of the Standards Commission. It would also be helpful to know which councils currently provide this training within six months of a councillor being elected, whether this is compulsory, the regularity of provision and an indication of levels of uptake.

Thank you for proposing this pragmatic action and we look forward to hearing from you on the responses.

Yours sincerely,

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