

# ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

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Dear Councillor Beurskens

### **Ethical Standards in Public Life**

I refer to previous correspondence regarding a complaint to me by Dr Charles Winstanley, Chairman NHS Lothian, alleging that you have breached the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

Having given this whole matter detailed consideration I consider that, in all the circumstances, the matters raised did not amount to a breach of the Code of Conduct for the reasons set out in my letter of today's date to the complainant (attached). I, therefore, considered that it would not serve any useful purpose and would not be in the public interest to investigate this complaint further.

In view of this, I shall be taking no further action and I have closed the file on the complaint. I have informed the complainant and the Council.

Thank you for all your assistance.

Yours sincerely

D Stuart Allan  
Chief Investigating Officer

Enc. Letter to the complainant

*The Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, Section 9(2), provides the Chief Investigating Officer has the function of investigating and reporting to the Standards Commission for Scotland on cases in which a councillor or member of a devolved public body may have contravened the councillors' or, as the case may be, the members' code of conduct.*