Item 4

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Glasgow City Council

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WRITTEN DECISION OF STANDARDS COMMISSION HEARING PANEL

Purpose of Report:

To submit for consideration the findings of a Standards Commission Hearing Panel regarding a complaint against former Councillor Martin McElroy.

Recommendations:

The Council is asked to consider and note the findings in the Standards Commission report.

Ward No(s): Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐ consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

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1 Background

The Council has received a report of the findings of a Standards Commission Hearing Panel held on 26 October 2022 in relation to a complaint against former Councillor Martin McElroy. The report is attached as an Appendix.

The findings of the Panel were that former Councillor McElroy had breached paragraphs 3.2, 3.7 and 3.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct. Having found that there was a breach of the Code the Panel was obliged to impose a sanction. However it was noted that as Mr McElroy was no longer a Councillor, the only options available were censure or disqualification. The decision of the Panel was to censure Mr McElroy.

Section 19(1)(a) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000 ("the Act") requires a Council receiving a copy of the Standards Commission's written decision of a Hearing to consider those findings within 3 months.

Section 19(1)(a) states that the duty must be discharged only by the Council and not by a committee or sub-committee or an officer.

2 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial:	None
Legal:	Fulfils duty under Section 18(1)(a) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000
Personnel:	None
Procurement:	None

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.	N/a
What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?	N/a

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.	N/a

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:	N/a
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?	N/a
Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	N/a

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:	The report from the Standards Commission is in the public domain.

3 Recommendations

The Council is asked to consider and note the findings in the Standards Commission report.