Local Government and Regeneration Committee

11th Report, 2013 (Session 4)

The Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies

Published by the Scottish Parliament on 2 December 2013
Local Government and Regeneration Committee

Remit and membership

**Remit:**

To consider and report on a) the financing and delivery of local government and local services, and b) planning, and c) matters relating to regeneration falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment.

**Membership:**

Richard Baker  
Cameron Buchanan  
Mark McDonald  
Stuart McMillan  
Anne McTaggart  
Kevin Stewart (Convener)  
John Wilson (Deputy Convener)

**Committee Clerking Team:**

**Clerk to the Committee**  
David Cullum

**Senior Assistant Clerk**  
Fiona Darwin

**Assistant Clerk**  
Seán Wixted

**Committee Assistant**  
Ben Morton
Local Government and Regeneration Committee

11th Report, 2013 (Session 4)

The Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies

The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

1. The Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (“Model Code”) was laid before the Parliament on 11 October 2013.

2. The Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, provides for Codes of Conduct for local authority councillors and members of relevant public bodies; imposes on councils and relevant public bodies a duty to help their members to comply with the relevant code; and establishes a Standards Commission for Scotland, to oversee the new framework and deal with alleged breaches of the codes.

3. The Act requires the Scottish Ministers to lay before the Scottish Parliament a Code of Conduct for Councillors and a Model Code for Members of Devolved Public Bodies. This Model Code was first introduced in 2002 and has now been revised following consultation. The Model Code now requires the approval of the Scottish Parliament. The revisions to the Model Code make it consistent with the relevant parts of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, which was revised and approved by the Scottish Parliament in 2010.

4. The Code sets out in an open and clear way the standards of conduct that must be applied to those appointed to devolved public bodies.

5. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the Model Code on 26 November and had no comments to make on it.

6. At its meeting on 27 November, the Local Government and Regeneration Committee took evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth, John Swinney; the Head of Public Service Reform at the Scottish Government, Alison Douglas; and the Policy Officer of the Public Bodies Unit at the Scottish Government, Gordon Quinn.

7. John Swinney (Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth) moved motion S4M-8382-
That the Local Government and Regeneration Committee recommends that the Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (SG/2013/250) be approved.

8. The motion was agreed to.
Members who would like a printed copy of this *Numbered Report* to be forwarded to them should give notice at the Document Supply Centre.