

## Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

## PART 2

## **ENFORCEMENT**

## 18 Findings of hearings

- (1) The members of the Commission conducting a hearing shall state their findings in writing and give a copy to—
  - (a) the councillor or member of a devolved public body whose contravention, or possible or alleged contravention, of the councillors' or, as the case may be, the members' code was the subject of the hearing;
  - (b) the council or the devolved public body;
  - (c) any person the Commission considers should, under this paragraph, receive a copy; and
  - (d) any other person seeking a copy who has paid the Commission's reasonable charge for providing it.
- (2) A council or devolved public body receiving a copy of findings under subsection (1) above shall consider those findings within three months of receiving them or within such longer period as the Commission may specify in writing.
- (3) The duty imposed on a council or devolved public body by subsection (2) above shall be discharged only by that council or body and not by a committee or sub-committee or an officer.