

**Standards Commission for Scotland ("The Commission")
Decision of the Hearing Panel of the Commission following the
Hearing held at the Beardmore Hotel, Clydebank, on 2nd August
2006**

Panel Members: Mr Peter Donaldson, Chairman
Mrs Wendy Goldstraw
Mr Okain McLennan

In respect of a Report by D Stuart Allan, Chief Investigating Officer ("the CIO") further to Complaint No. LAWD/366 ("the Complaint") concerning an alleged contravention of the Councillors' Code of Conduct ("the Code") by Councillor Connie O'Sullivan of West Dunbartonshire Council ("the Respondent").

The Respondent did not attend the Hearing. The Office of the CIO was represented by Mr David Sillars Senior Investigating Officer with Investigating Officer Mrs Anne Mahoney.

The Complaint

The Complainant was Mr John Robins, a Campaigns Consultant for Animal Concern. The Complaint relates to an allegation that the respondent failed to declare a non-financial interest in a Zoo licence application and participated in a meeting of West Dunbartonshire Licensing Committee at which the application was approved.

The Councillors' Code of Conduct, sections 4 & 5 sets out respectively Registration of Interests and Declaration of Interests. The relevant sections are:

