

Notice of a public meeting of

Joint Standards Committee - Assessments Sub-Committee

- To:** Councillors Baker and Douglas (CYC Members)
Councillor M Waudby (Parish Council Member)
- Mr Oram (Independent Person)
- Date:** Thursday, 19 May 2022
- Time:** 3.00 pm
- Venue:** The Thornton Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G039)

AGENDA

- 1. Appointment of Chair**
To appoint a member to chair the meeting.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
At this point in the meeting, Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or other registerable interest they might have in respect of business on this agenda, if they have not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests.
- 3. Exclusion of Press and Public**
To consider excluding the public and press from the meeting during consideration of the private report at Agenda Item 4 (Complaints received in respect of Parish / Town Councillors), on the grounds that it contains information relating to individuals. This information is classed as exempt under paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.
- 4. Complaints received in respect of Parish (Pages 1 - 214) / Town Councillors**
To consider five complaints in respect of the Code of Conduct received in respect of four Parish/Town Councillors, and to determine next steps.

Note: the private report referred to in Agenda Item 3 above follows the public report on this item.

5. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

Democratic Services officer responsible for this meeting:

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Joint Standards Assessments Sub-Committee**19 May 2022****Public Report**

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Complaints received in respect of Parish / Town Councillors**Summary**

To consider five complaints in respect of the Code of Conduct received in respect of four Parish/Town Councillors to determine next steps.

Recommendations

The options available to the Sub-Committee are as follows:

1. Rule that the complaints in respect of the Councillors do not fall within the remit of the Code of Conduct. This will mean that no further action is taken and the matter is brought to a close.
OR
2. Rule that the complaints should progress to an investigation. This will mean that the Monitoring Officer will appoint an Investigating Officer in accordance with the published procedure for handling Code of Conduct complaints. Members will be asked for a view as to who may conduct such an investigation, including whether the investigation should be conducted internally, or whether an external body is instructed.

Background

The Monitoring Officer has requested a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Joint Standards Committee to determine if the complaints received should be investigated.

There are five complaints in total relating to four councillors containing allegations that the councillors in question have allegedly acted with disrespect and some have alleged acted in a bullying and harassing manner towards other.

Options

The Sub-Committee must now consider the following options:

1. The five complaints in respect of the four Councillors do not fall within the remit of the Code of Conduct. This will mean that no further action is taken and the matter is brought to a close.
OR
2. The complaints should progress to an investigation. This will mean that the Monitoring Officer will appoint an Investigating Officer in accordance with the published procedure for handling Code of Conduct complaints. Members will be asked for a view as to who may conduct such an investigation, including whether the investigation should be conducted internally, or whether an external body is instructed.

Implications

Financial

Not applicable to this report.

Human Resources (HR)

Not applicable to this report.

Equalities

The Councillors, who are the subject matter of the complaints, will be offered the support of an Independent Person as part of this process.

Legal

The Monitoring Officer is required to consider all formal complaints received in respect of the Code of Conduct in line with the published procedure for handling Code of Conduct complaints.

Crime and Disorder, Information Technology (IT) and Property

Not applicable to this report.

Other

Not applicable to this report.

Contact Details

**Author and Chief Officer
Responsible for the report:**

**Janie Berry
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Monitoring Officer**

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Report **Date** 4th May 2022
Approved

Wards Affected: Haxby & Wigginton ward

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For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

- City of York Council Code of Conduct and Procedure for Handling of Complaints
- City of York Council Constitution

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