
Meeting	Joint Standards Committee
Date	23 July 2024
Present	Councillors Rowley BEM (Chair), Fisher, Lomas (Substitute for Cllr Kent), Pavlovic, and Runciman (CYC Councillors) Councillor Waudby (Vice-Chair) and Chambers (Parish Council Members), Mr J Leigh and Ms R Mazza (Independent Persons)
Apologies	Councillor Kent
Officer Present	Frances Harrison, Deputy Monitoring Officer

Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair put on record his, and the committee's, thanks to former Parish Councillor Rawlings for his long service to the committee and the sub-committees.

1. Declarations of Interest (4.01 pm)

Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial interests or disclosable pecuniary interests which they might have in respect of business on the agenda.

Cllr Fisher noted that he was a named party in the complaints received log. He left the meeting when the cases were discussed.

2. Exclusion of Press and Public (4.02 pm)

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the exempt versions of Annexes A(ii) and B(ii) to Agenda Item 8 (Monitoring Report in Respect of Complaints Received), on the grounds that they contain information likely to reveal the identity of individuals, which is classed as exempt under Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act

1972 (as amended by the Local Government
(Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

3. Minutes (4.03 pm)

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 14 May 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

4. Public Participation (4.03 pm)

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Diane Breen, spoke as a private individual, she raised concerns regarding how difficult it was for Parish Councils (PCs) to fill vacancies. She noted that some Parish Councils had made the financial decision to leave the Yorkshire Local Council Association (YLCA), notwithstanding their value to PCs. She highlighted the difficulties faced by PCs to train councillors in their responsibilities and standards, noting the training provided by CYC previously had been good.

5. Case Handling Procedure Update (4.08 pm)

The Deputy Monitoring Officer provided a verbal update to Members, explaining that due to the general election, the case handling procedure had not progressed through the Constitution Working Group. A further update would be brought once progress had been made.

6. Review of Work Plan (4.11 pm)

Members considered the committee's work plan for the current municipal year.

Resolved:

- i. That the work plan be approved subject to the following additions:

17 September 2024

- Training Update
- Parish Council visits

12 November 2024

- YLCA representative to attend

- ii. That the Chair write to former Parish Councillor Rawlings to formally thank him and acknowledge his service to the Committee.

Reason: To ensure that the committee has a planned programme of work in place.

7. Monitoring Report on Complaints Received (4.31 pm)

Members considered a report which provided an update on current business as regards complaints.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

Reason: To ensure that the committee is aware of current levels of activity.

Cllr M Rowley BEM, Chair

The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.48 pm.

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