

Meeting	Joint Standards Committee - Assessments Sub-Committee
Date	21 February 2024
Present	Cllrs Rowley and Runciman (City Council Members) Cllr Rawlings (Parish Council Member) Joe Leigh (Independent Member).
In Attendance	Frances Harrison (Deputy Monitoring Officer)

20. Appointment of Chair (12:02pm)

That Parish Councillor Rawlings be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

21. Declarations of Interest (12:02pm)

Members were asked to declare at this point in the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registerable interests they might have in respect of business on the agenda, if they had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. None were declared.

22. Exclusion of Press and Public (12:03pm)

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the private reports at Agenda Item 4 (Code of Conduct Complaint received in respect of a City of York Councillor), on the grounds that it contains information relating to individuals and information likely to reveal the identity of individuals, which is classed as exempt under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

[Note: following the above resolution, the Deputy Monitoring Officer confirmed that she had nothing further to add in respect

of the public reports in the agenda papers, and the remainder of the meeting took place in private session.]

23. Code of Conduct Complaint received in respect of a City of York Councillor (12:04pm)

Members considered a report which set out a Code of Conduct complaint received in respect of a City of York Councillor. Details of the complaint were presented in the private report referred to in Minute 22 above.

Members were asked to decide whether to:

- A. Rule that the complaint was out of scope.
- B. Rule that the complaint was in scope and choose to (i) take no further action, (ii) seek to resolve the matter informally; or (iii) refer the matter for investigation.

Having considered all the information provided, and the advice of the Independent Person at the meeting, it was

Resolved: That Option A be approved.

Reason: The Sub-Committee considers that this matter is not a breach of the Code of Conduct because the behaviour complained about is not capable of constituting disrespect.

Cllr Rawlings, Chair

[The meeting started at 12.02 pm and finished at 12.14 pm].