

Meeting	Joint Standards Committee
Date	3 August 2016
Present	Councillors Perrett (Vice-Chair in the Chair), Cannon, Hayes, Kramm and Mercer
In attendance	Mr Laverick – Independent Person
Apologies	Councillors Runciman and Waudby Ms Davies - Independent Person

1. Appointment of Chair

Resolved: That Councillor Runciman be appointed as Chair of the Joint Standards Committee for the municipal year.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved: That Councillor Perrett be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Joint Standards Committee for the municipal year.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which they may have in respect of business on the agenda. None were declared.

4. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 24 February 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

5. Minutes of Sub-Committees

Resolved: That the minutes of the Assessments Sub-Committee meetings of 15 June 2016 and 12 July 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

6. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

7. Review of Complaints for the last Municipal Year

Members considered a report which gave details of the standards complaints received during the previous municipal year.

Members noted that the number of complaints was similar to the previous year. Although no hearings had taken place during the previous municipal year, it would be necessary for two cases to be considered by the Hearings Sub-Committee in September/October 2016.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee continues to make an effective contribution to ethical standards within the City Council.

8. Monitoring Report on Complaints Received

Members considered a report which provided an update on current business as regards complaints. Referring to paragraph 2 of the report, the Monitoring Officer stated that since the report had been published, a fifth complaint had been received.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

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

9. Meeting of North Yorkshire and York Standards Committees Chairs and Monitoring Officers

The Monitoring Officer gave a verbal report on a recent meeting of North Yorkshire and York Standards Committees Chairs and Monitoring Officers. He stated that the meeting had been very useful and it was proposed to invite the Independent Persons to future meetings. The items that had been discussed had included:

- Possibilities in respect of joint working.
- Sanctions available when breaches of the Parish Councillors' Codes of Conduct had occurred.
- Parish Council governance issues and the role of the Local Councils Association in supporting parish councils.

Resolved: That the report on the meeting of the North Yorkshire and York Standards Committees Chairs and Monitoring Officers be noted.

Reason: To update the committee on the discussions that had taken place and to provide an opportunity for input on possibilities for future joint meetings.

10. Review of Work Plan

Members gave consideration to the committee's work plan and were asked to suggest items for inclusion on the agendas for the municipal year.

Members agreed that future meetings of the committee would commence at 4.00pm.

Resolved: That the work plan be approved subject to the following¹:

- Meeting of 14 September 2016 to be cancelled
- Planning Panels Report - agenda item for meeting in November 2016
- Chief Officer of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association to be invited to attend the meeting in November 2016 to provide details of the Association's work in supporting parish councils to maintain good governance and the training it offers to parish councillors.

- Members serving on outside bodies – agenda item for meeting of 1 February 2017

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

Action Required

1. Update work plan and invite representative of YLCA JC

Councillor Runciman, Chair

[The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 3.40 pm].