

Notice of a public meeting of

Joint Standards Committee - Assessments Sub-Committee

To: Cllrs Douglas and Rowley (CYC Members)
Cllr Rawlings (Parish Council Member)

Mr Laverick (Independent Person)

Date: Thursday, 13 January 2022

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Remote Meeting

Note: In view of the changing circumstances around the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting will now be held remotely. Any decisions made will form recommendations to the Chief Operating Officer.

AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chair

To appoint a member to chair the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are 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 this agenda.

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 5 (Code of Conduct Complaint received in respect of a City of York Councillor), 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. Urgent Business

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

5. Code of Conduct Complaint received in respect of a City of York Councillor (Pages 1 - 22)

To consider a Code of Conduct complaint received in respect of a City of York Councillor and determine the next steps.

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

Democratic Services officer responsible for this meeting:

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Joint Standards Assessments Sub-Committee**13 January 2022****Public Report**

Report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer

Code of Conduct Complaint received in respect of a City of York Councillor**Summary**

1. To consider a Complaint in respect of the Code of Conduct received in respect of a City of York Councillor and determine next steps.

Recommendations

2. The options available to the Sub-Committee are as follows:
 - 1) Rule that the complaint in respect of the Councillor does 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.
 - 2) Rule that the Complaint should progress to an investigation. This will mean that the Deputy Monitoring Officer will appoint an Investigating Officer in accordance with the Procedure for handling of Complaints.

Background

3. The Deputy Monitoring Officer has received a complaint alleging that a City of York Councillors has breached the Code of Conduct.
4. The Deputy Monitoring Officer has requested a meeting of the Sub Committee of the Joint Standards Committee to determine if the Complaint should be investigated.

5. The complainant alleges that the Councillor has breached clauses 3.1, 3.4, 3.7, 3.8 and 3.11 of the Members' Code in relation to conduct in a Committee Meeting.

Options

6. The Sub-Committee must now consider the following options:
 - a. The Complaint in respect of the Councillor does 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.
 - b. The Complaint should progress to an investigation. This will mean that the Deputy Monitoring Officer will appoint an Investigating Officer in accordance with the Procedure for Handling of Complaints.

Implications

Financial

7. Not applicable to this report.

Human Resources (HR)

8. Not applicable to this report.

Equalities

9. The Councillor has been offered the support of an Independent Person as part of this process.

Legal

10. The Deputy Monitoring Officer is required to consider all formal complaints received in respect of the Code of Conduct in line with the published Procedure for managing Code of Conduct Complaints.

Crime and Disorder, Information Technology (IT) and Property

11. Not applicable to this report.

Other

12. Not applicable to this report.

Contact Details

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

**Rachel Antonelli
Head of Democratic
Governance & Deputy
Monitoring Officer**

Report **Date** 5 January 2022
Approved

Tel No. 01904 551043

Wards Affected: All

All

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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