
Meeting	Joint Standards Committee
Date	13 May 2025
Present	Councillors Fisher, Pavlovic, Runciman, Kent and Geogheghan-Breen (Parish Council Member)
Officers Present	Lindsay Tomlinson, Head of Democratic Governance Guy Close, Democratic Services Manager

41. Apologies for Absence

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Members voted for Cllr Runciman to Chair the meeting, with Parish Cllr Geogheghan-Breen to act as Vice-Chair.

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Rowley BEM, Parish Cllrs Waudby and Chambers, Mr J Leigh and Ms R Mazza (Independent Persons).

42. Declarations of Interest

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. None were declared.

43. Exclusion of Press and Public

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 10 (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).

44. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 18 March 2025 be approved as a correct record.

45. Minutes of Sub-Committees

Resolved: That the minutes of the following sub-committee meetings be approved as a correct record:

- Joint Standards Assessment Sub-Committee, 11 April 2025

46. Public Participation

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

47. Member Training and Development

Members considered the proposal to establish a working group to develop and implement the member induction and training programme, regularly reviewing as appropriate.

All Members were supportive of the proposal and agreed the terms of reference at Annex A to the report. They also agreed that the working group should comprise of seven members, two Labour, two Liberal Democrats, one Conservative/Independent and two Parish Councillors.

Resolved:

- a) That the establishment of a cross-party working group, comprising of seven members, as set out above with a remit to
 - i. develop, implement and review member induction and training.
 - ii. Act as the liaison group for Operation Ford, undertaking joint working with North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Council Members.
- b) That the terms of reference set out in Annex A to the report be approved.

Reason: To ensure that members have access to appropriate training and that member safety and security is addressed with relevant partners.

48. Review of Work Plan

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

Resolved: That the work plan be approved.

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

49. Monitoring Report on Complaints Received

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 C Runciman, Chair

The meeting started at 4.04 pm and finished at 4.36 pm.