
Meeting	Joint Standards Committee
Date	23 June 2021
Present	Councillors Rowley (in the Chair for Items 3-9), Baker, Carr, Douglas and Fisher Cllrs Rawlings, Chambers and Waudby (Parish Council Members)
Apologies	Ms Davies and Mr Laverick (Independent Persons)

1. **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.

2. **Appointment of Chair**

Parish Cllr Rawlings nominated Cllr Rowley to be appointed as Chair. The nomination was seconded by Cllr Douglas and it was unanimously

Resolved: That Cllr Rowley be appointed as Chair of the committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

3. **Appointment of Vice Chair**

Cllr Fisher nominated Parish Cllr Rawlings to be appointed as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Parish Cllr Waudby and it was unanimously

Resolved: That Parish Cllr Rawlings be appointed as Vice Chair of the committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

4. **Introduction of Paul Hoey and Natalie Ainscough from Hoey Ainscough Associates Ltd.**

Paul Hoey and Natalie Ainscough of Hoey Ainscough Associates Ltd., who were in attendance to deliver a workshop

for Members on the Model Code of Conduct once the formal business of the meeting was concluded, introduced themselves.

5. **Welcome to the Chair of Audit & Governance Committee**

The Chair welcomed Cllr Pavlovic, Chair of Audit & Governance Committee, to the meeting.

6. **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 31 March be approved as a correct record, to be signed by the Chair at a later date, subject to amendment of the bullet point under Minute 85 to read as follows:

- *“Provide evidence of the payment of any expenses during the trip (i.e. room service, drinks etc.)”*

7. **Minutes of Sub-Committees**

Resolved: (i) That the minutes of the meetings of the Assessments Sub Committee held on 15 April 2021 and 23 April 2021 be approved as a correct record, to be signed by the Chair at a later date.

(ii) That the minutes of the Assessments Sub-Committee held on 29 April 2021 be approved as a correct record, to be signed by the Chair at a later date, subject to the amendment of the Reason under Minute 16 to read as follows:

“The sub-committee considers that an investigation is warranted in this case.”

8. **Public Participation**

It was reported that there had been two registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council’s Public Participation Scheme.

Gwen Swinburn spoke in relation to a Code of Conduct complaint that she had submitted, objecting to the manner in which it had been dealt with by the Monitoring Officer.

Cllr Warters raised concerns about the handling of a series of Code of Conduct complaints, noting that little progress had been made since 2016 in improving the standards process.

9. Model Code of Conduct

Members received a report which provided an update on the Model Code of Conduct.

The formal meeting then concluded and Members attended a private, informal workshop on the Model Code.

Cllr M Rowley, Chair

The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.22 pm.

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