
Meeting	Joint Standards Committee
Date	24 February 2016
Present	Councillor Runciman – Chair (CYC Member) Councillor Cannon (CYC member) Councillor Hayes (CYC member) Councillor Kramm (CYC Member - substitute for Councillor Taylor) Councillor Mercer (CYC Member) Councillor Waudby (Parish council member)
In attendance	Mr Laverick – Independent Person

Apologies	Councillors Taylor and Perrett
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Part B - Matters referred to Council

22. Review of the Code of Conduct

Members considered a report that followed on from the report considered at the previous meeting. The report asked Members to recommend revisions to the current Code of Conduct for Members.

Members queried the position in respect of co-opted members of scrutiny task groups. The Monitoring Officer stated that the definition of “co-opted member” in the Code was taken from the legislation. As scrutiny task groups were not sub-committees of the authority, and their members did not have voting rights, the co-opted members would not be covered by the Code. Members requested that further consideration be given to this issue in view of the expectation that anyone performing a public duty should demonstrate ethical behaviour.

The following amendments were also requested to the draft Code:

- Definitions Section - Amendment to formatting of paragraph 2.1 to give greater clarity
- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – heading for para 3 to be amended to read “Non participation in items of business in the case of disclosable pecuniary interest”

- Disclosure of Interests Section – “vote” to be amended to “voting” (paragraph 5)
- Dispensations Section – Final sentence to be amended to state that the reasons for the dispensation will also be recorded.

Members requested that the amendments be incorporated into the draft and circulated to them prior to the revised Code being presented to Council for approval at its meeting on 24 March 2016.¹

Recommend: That the revised Code of Conduct for City Council Members be approved.

Reason: To ensure that the City of York Council has an effective and easily understood Code of Conduct.

Action Required

1. Incorporate amendments into draft Code

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Councillor Runciman, Chair

[The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 4.15 pm].