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## **ARTICLE 8 - THE JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

### **1 Composition**

- 1.1 The Standards Committee shall be a joint committee established pursuant to section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 consisting of the City of York Council, Heworth Without Parish Council and Earswick Parish Council (“the Councils”).

### **2 Functions which may be exercised by the Joint Standards Committee**

- 2.1 The Joint Standards Committee may exercise the following functions of the Councils:
- a) The promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the Councils and other Parish Councils for which the City Council is the principal authority.
  - b) Establishing arrangements for investigating and making decisions in respect of allegations that the code of conduct of either the City Council or a parish council for which the City Council is the principal authority has been breached.
  - c) Where the power to do so has been delegated to it by a Council, granting dispensations relieving members from the duty to register or declare interests.

### **3 Membership of the Joint Standards Committee**

- 3.1 The Joint Standards Committee shall consist of:
- a) Five voting members of the City Council (one from each of the main political groups);
  - b) One voting member of each of the three Parish Councils;
  - c) Up to three non-voting community members co-opted by the Committee.
- 3.2 A person who is disqualified from being a member of a relevant authority shall be disqualified from membership of the Joint Standards Committee.

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## **4 Term of office and casual vacancies**

- 4.1 A member of the Joint Standards Committee will hold office until one of the following occurs:
- a) He or she resigns by giving written notice to the proper officer of the Council that appointed him or her;
  - b) He or she is removed or replaced by the Council that appointed him or her;
  - c) He or she is disqualified for membership of the Joint Standards Committee;
  - d) He or she ceases to be eligible for appointment to the Joint Standards Committee in the capacity in which he or she was appointed;
  - e) The Constituent Authority which appointed him or her ceases to participate in the Joint Standards Committee.
- 4.2 A casual vacancy shall be filled as soon as practicable by the relevant Council. A casual vacancy in the case of a Parish Councillor shall be reported to the York Association of Local Councils for information.

## **5 Sub Committees**

- 5.1 The Joint Standards Committee may appoint Sub Committees for purposes in the exercise of its functions.
- 5.2 Each person appointed as a member of a Sub Committee must be a voting member of the Joint Standards Committee.
- 5.3 The Joint Standards Committee will determine the membership and terms of reference of the Sub Committee, and the quorum for its meetings.
- 5.4 If the Joint Standards Committee appoints more than one Sub Committee to exercise one or more of its functions then it shall ensure that the Proper Officer allocates particular matters to a Sub Committee first on the basis of the availability of the members required to constitute the Sub Committee, and thereafter by rotation, and summonses meetings accordingly.

**6 Meetings and proceedings**

- 6.1 Shall be conducted in accordance with the standing orders or rules of procedure of the City of York Council.
- 6.2 The Joint Standards Committee may determine procedure rules for its sub committees.

**7 Withdrawal from the Joint Standards Committee**

- 7.1 A constituent authority may cease to participate in the Joint Standards Committee by resolution to that effect communicated in writing to the Monitoring Officer.

**8 Expenses of the Joint Committee**

- 8.1 The expenses of the Joint Standards Committee shall be met by the City Council.