
Meeting	Joint Standards Committee - Assessments Sub-Committee
Date	18 December 2014
Present	Councillors Runciman, Taylor and Martin
In attendance	Mr Hall – Independent Person Mr Laverick – Independent Person

7. Declarations of Interest

Members were 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 the agenda. None were declared.

8. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 3 (Complaint against a Member of a Council covered by the Joint Standards Committee) on the grounds that it contained information relating to an individual. 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.

9. Complaint against a Member of a Council covered by the Joint Standards Committee

Members considered a complaint made against a Member of a Council covered by the Joint Standards Committee and were asked to decide whether, and how, the matter should be pursued.

The report of the Monitoring Officer and the views of the Independent Persons were noted.

The allegation related to comments made at a meeting by a Member of a Council covered by the Joint Standards Committee.

Having considered the evidence provided in support of the complaint, it was

Resolved: That further consideration of the complaint be deferred to enable the complaint to be referred to the Group Whips of the parties concerned in the expectation that they would resolve the issue in an appropriate manner and report back to the committee on the action taken.

Reason: The Committee agreed that, in the first instance, this was the most appropriate means of addressing the issues raised through the complaint.

Councillor Runciman, Chair

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.30 am].