

Meeting	Joint Standards Committee - Assessments Sub-Committee
Date	29 April 2021
Present	Councillors Douglas (substitute) and Fisher (CYC Members) Cllr Chambers (Parish Council Member)  Mr Laverick (Independent Person)
Apologies	Councillor Carr

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### **13. Appointment of Chair**

Resolved: That Councillor Douglas be appointed to act as Chair of the meeting.

### **14. Declarations of Interest**

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which they might have in the business on the agenda.

Councillor Fisher noted that while he did not have a prejudicial interest or any disclosable pecuniary interest, he noted that a family member was in attendance at meetings noted in the report.

### **15. Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 4 (Code of Conduct Complaint Received in Respect of a Member of City of York Council), on the grounds that it contains information relating to an individual, which 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.

**16. Code of Conduct Complaint Received in Respect of a Parish/Town Councillor**

Members considered a report on a Code of Conduct complaint received in respect of a Parish/Town Councillor. Details of the complaint and circumstances were presented in the exempt report.

Members were invited to consider whether to:

A. Rule that the complaint did not fall within the remit of the Code of Conduct and therefore no further action be taken or;

B. Rule that the complaint should progress to an investigation, in which case the Monitoring Officer would appoint an investigating officer either internally or an external investigator. Having reviewed the information provided, and taking into consideration the views of the Independent Person in attendance at the meeting, it was;

Resolved: That the complaint progress to an investigation, in accordance with Option B and an external investigator be appointed.

Reason: The sub-committee considers that an investigation is warranted in this case.

Cllr Douglas, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.27 pm].