

Joint Standards Committee

Work Undertaken during 2017/18 and 2018/19

Code of Conduct for Planning Panel Members

5 July 2017

- Draft code approved for consultation

31 January 2018

- Final version approved for circulation to panel members via the Council's Communities & Equalities team.

Current status: Completed.

Review of CYC Code of Conduct

2 August 2017:

- Initial report received
- Task group convened

29 November 2017

- Progress of task group reported – draft revised code to be brought to next meeting.

31 January 2018

- Draft revised code referred back to task group for further consideration.

18 April 2018

- Agreed to circulate draft revised code to political groups for comments prior to consideration at a future meeting, to secure approval before Annual Council in 2019.

13 June 2018

- Approved for inclusion on work plan for 21 November meeting.

21 November 2018

- (Minute 26) Agreed to consider at a later meeting, once ongoing complaints hearings concluded.

Current status: Awaiting further consideration by cttee to confirm and refer to Council for approval. No new date assigned.

Guidance on Civic Gifts

18 April 2018

- Agreed to consult groups & current and former Lord Mayors on the inclusion of guidance on gifts within the Civic Guide

5 September 2018

- Referred back for further consultation.

13 February 2019

- Guidance approved for inclusion in Civic Guide.

Current status: Completed.

Review of Joint Standards Committee's Terms of Reference & Procedures

13 June 2018

- Initial report received
- Task group convened

5 September 2018

- Agreed to circulate draft procedures to political groups & YLCA

21 November 2018

- Draft procedures approved for adoption, subject to amendments and improvements to flow chart.

Current status: Completed.

Review of Whistleblowing Policy

21 November 2018

- Added to work plan for 13/2/19 meeting (provided it has been to Audit & Governance Committee in December 2018)

13 February 2019

- Removed from work plan (as not within the remit of JSC), and a task group convened to ensure committee members' views are fed into the review process.

Current status: Task Group has met. Audit and Governance Committee considered the proposed new draft Whistleblowing Policy on 6 February 2019. The Committee suggested that the Joint Standards Committee should be consulted on the document. The amended policy is yet to be taken forward for approval.