

Joint Standards Committee

6 March 2024

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Annual Report for 2023/2024

Summary

1. This report provides the Joint Standards Committee with a draft Annual Report for 2023/2024.

Background

2. It is good practice for the Committee to prepare an Annual Report at the start of each municipal year, setting out work undertaken by the Joint Standards Committee during the previous year.
3. The report can be presented to Full Council at the meeting on 21 March 2024, subject to finalisation. Papers for March Council will be published on 13 March 2024. As there is no full Council meeting in April, and the Annual Council meeting in May has a standard agenda, the next opportunity would be June 2024.
4. The breakdown of complaints received during the municipal year has been calculated to date. A full year comparison is not yet available due the timing of the report, but the figures are sufficient to demonstrate trends. Complaints will continue to be recorded.
5. A draft of the annual report is attached at Annex A.

Implications

6. Financial

Not applicable to this report.

7. Human Resources (HR)

Not applicable to this report.

8. Equalities

The Equality Act 2010 places specific duties on Local Authorities, and Members, including Members of the Joint Standards Committee who play a vital role in ensuring that equality issues are integral to the aims and performance of a Local Authority. Providing an Annual Report of work undertaken by the Committee, providing an overview of the Code of Conduct complaints received and reviewing the procedures in place for such complaints ensures that all Members adhere to the principles of the Act.

9. Legal

As detailed within the report.

10. Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property

Not applicable to this report.

Recommendations

11. Members are recommended to note the report and provide their views on the draft Report, ahead of it being presented to Full Council later in the year.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s): None

Wards Affected: All

Annexes:

Annex A, Draft Annual Report 2023/24

Background Papers:

City of York Council Constitution