

**Notice of a public meeting of
Joint Standards Committee**

To: Councillors Runciman (Chair), Barton, Scott and Taylor
(CYC Members)
Cllrs Martin (Vice-Chair), Crawford and Simpson (Parish
Council Members)

Date: Wednesday, 28 November 2012

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall, York

AGENDA

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point, Members are 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 this agenda.

2. Minutes

(Pages 3 - 8)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 12 September 2012.

3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak, regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the remit of the Joint Standards Committee, may do so. The deadline for registering is **5:00 pm on Tuesday 27 November 2012.**

- 4. Appointment of Independent Persons** (Pages 9 - 10)
This report updates Members on progress in recruiting independent persons to support the standards function.
- 5. Monitoring report in respect of Complaints Received**
The Monitoring Officer will give a verbal report in respect of complaints received.
- 6. Arrangements for Handling Complaints** (Pages 11 - 26)
This report reminds Members of the procedures for dealing with complaints adopted prior to the new regime being initiated. It proposes some changes to these procedures and also proposes some criteria to be adopted in assessing what action to take in respect of a complaint.
- 7. Dispensations** (Pages 27 - 30)
This report provides Members with information about the dispensation provisions available under the new regime, reminds Members of existing arrangements and identifies some particular issues for consideration.
- 8. Register of Gifts and Hospitality** (Pages 31 - 34)
This report seeks Members' views on guidance relating to the register of gifts and hospitality.
- 9. Review of Work Plan** (Pages 35 - 36)
Members are asked to consider the committee's work plan for 2012/2013.
- 10. Urgent Business**
Any other business which the Chair decides is urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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- Registering to speak
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