


City of York Council Standards Committee	
Pre Hearing Checklist	
Complainant	
Subject Member	Councillor John Galvin
Investigating Officer	Ms Christine Bainton
Do you intend to attend the proposed hearing to give evidence or make representations?	
Yes/No Yes	
Do you wish to be represented at the hearing by a solicitor, barrister or another person?¹	
Yes/No No	
If so by who?	
Name of representative and capacity in which they act: e.g. solicitor, friend, fellow Councillor	
Do you wish the whole or any part of the hearing to be in private?	
Yes/No No	
If yes please explain why²	

¹ Although there has to be a degree of formality to the proceedings of the committee it will be unusual for subject members to be represented. The procedure is not adversarial. The Committee will act in an inquisitorial manner to ensure that the circumstances of the case are fully understood.

² The Standards Committee's general position is that hearings should be held in public and that documents should be publicly available in advance of the meeting. However, there may be circumstances in which fairness to individuals dictates and the provisions of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 allow, information to be considered in private. The Council's proper officer will determine whether papers should be publicly available and the Hearing Sub Committee will determine whether the meeting or any part of it should be in private

Do you wish any part of the Investigating Officer's report or other relevant documents to be withheld from the public?

Yes/No **No**

If yes please explain why³

Do you disagree with any of the facts found by the investigating officer as set out in his/her report?

Yes/No **YES**

If yes please set out briefly the facts that you dispute and your view as to the true factual position

As at page 38 in the final report as far as it comments on my comment to colleague on the Committee as highlighted below.

To conclude I find that Councillor Galvin did breach the code by commenting, within earshot of members of the public at a public meeting, "This man's being a Pillock" he was not treating others with respect but that he did not breach the code with regard to having a prejudicial interest. In addition he did not breach the code by bullying or intimidating anyone present at either the site meeting or the Planning sub-committee meetings

I also quote here the investigating officer

This is a slang term defined as meaning "stupid person" (www.oxforddictionaries.com). It is not a swear word. It was not said directly to a member of the public.

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Do you believe that witnesses should be called to the Hearing

Yes/No **No**

If yes please identify the witnesses who you wish to be called and briefly identify the issues that they will be able to give evidence about⁴

⁴ The Monitoring Officer and Chair will consider whether any witnesses you name are likely to be able to give evidence which will be of value to the Hearing Panel. If they are then those witnesses will be invited to attend. The Panel cannot compel the attendance of any witness.

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