
Meeting	Joint Standards Committee
Date	20 April 2023
Present	Councillors Rowley BEM (Chair), Fisher, and Pavlovic (substitute for Cllr Kilbane) (CYC Members) Councillors Rawlings and Chambers (Parish Council Members) Mr Leigh (Independent Person) Mr Gadd (Independent Person, attending remotely)
Apologies	Councillors D'Agorne, Galvin and Kilbane (CYC Members) Councillor M Waudby (Parish Council Member)
Officer in Attendance	Frances Harrison (Deputy Monitoring Officer)

28. Declarations of Interest (16:06)

Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial interests or disclosable pecuniary interests which they might have in respect of business on the agenda.

Cllr Fisher declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (Minutes of Sub-Committees). He left the room during consideration of that item and took no part in the decision thereon.

Cllr Pavlovic also declared an interest in Item 4.

29. Exclusion of Press and Public (16:07)

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the exempt versions of Annexes A and B to Agenda Item 9 (Monitoring Report in Respect of Complaints Received), on the grounds that they contain information likely to reveal the identity of individuals, which is classed as exempt under Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended

by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

30. Minutes (16:08)

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 19 January 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

31. Minutes of Sub-Committees (16:09)

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Assessments Sub-Committee held on 21 February 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

32. Public Participation (16:10)

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

33. Annual Report for Municipal Year 2022-2023 (16:10)

Members received a report which asked them to consider the committee's draft Annual Report for the 2022-23 Municipal Year.

Following debate, it was

Resolved: (i) That the following amendments be made to the draft Annual Report, the exact wording to be determined by the Deputy Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair:

- a) In the Foreword, mention Cllr Kilbane in the section on membership changes.
- b) In the section on Civility in Public Life:
 - include a reference to the murder of Sir David Ames;
 - include a reference to the rules of conduct on social media.
- c) Add information on the LGA review.
- d) Add information on the general trend of complaint numbers, based on comparisons with previous years.

(ii) That the amended Report be presented to the next Ordinary meeting of Council.

Reason: In order to provide a report to Council of the committee's work over the past Municipal Year.

34. Review of Work Plan (16:26)

Members considered the committee's work plan for the 2023-24 Municipal Year.

Following discussion, it was

Resolved: That the work plan be approved, subject to the addition of the following items to the next two meetings:

Meeting on 7 June 2023

- Review of Standards Policies and Procedures
- Update on the Member Training Programme

Meeting on 21 September 2023

- Update on the Member Training Programme

Reason: To ensure that there is a planned programme of work in place, and to enable these issues to be addressed by the newly reconstituted committee in the next municipal year.

35. Monitoring Report in Respect of Complaints Received (16:41)

Members considered a report which provided an update on current business as regards complaints.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

Reason: To ensure that the committee is aware of current levels of activity.

Chair's Remarks

At the end of the meeting, the Chair placed on record his thanks to committee members and officers for their help and support during his tenure and registered his appreciation of Cllr Galvin, who would be standing down at the Election, for his service to the committee and the Council.

Cllr M Rowley BEM, Chair

The meeting started at 4.05 pm and finished at 5.05 pm.