

Joint Standards Committee

To: Councillors Carol Runciman (Chair) Fisher, Pavlovic,
Kent and Steward (CYC Members)

Councillors Waudby (Vice-Chair) Chambers and
Geogheghan-Breen (Parish Council Members)

Mark Fynn, Sheila Hollingworth and Roseleen Mazza
(Independent Persons)

Date: Monday, 18 May 2026

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: West Offices, Station Rise, York

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and note apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest (Pages 5 - 6)

At this point in the meeting, Members and co-opted members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest, or other registerable interest, they might have in respect of business on this agenda, if they have not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

[Please see the attached sheet for further guidance for Members.]

3. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following:

Annexes A(ii) and B (ii) to agenda item 10 (Monitoring report in Respect of Complaints Received) on the grounds that it contains information relating to the identity of individuals, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. This information is classed as exempt under paragraph 2 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

4. Minutes (Pages 7 - 10)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 19 March 2026.

5. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered to speak can do so. Members of the public may speak on agenda items or on matters within the remit of the committee.

Please note that our registration deadlines are set as 2 working days before the meeting, to facilitate the management of public participation at our meetings. The deadline for registering at this meeting is 5:00pm on Thursday 14 May 2026.

To register to speak please visit www.york.gov.uk/AttendCouncilMeetings to fill in an online registration form. If you have any questions about the registration form or the meeting, please contact Democratic Services. Contact details can be found at the foot of this agenda.

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- 6. Update report from Member Development Working Group** (Pages 11 - 24)
Members will consider the update from the Member Development Working Group in relation to the 2027 Member Induction Programme.
- 7. Parish Liaison Update**
The Chair of the Parish Liaison Group, Cllr Pavlovic, to provide a verbal update to the Committee.
- 8. Review of Work Plan** (Pages 25 - 28)
To consider the Committee's work plan for the current year and decide whether any amendments or additions are required.
- 9. Urgent Business**
Any other business which the Chair decides is urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.
- 10. Monitoring Report on Complaints Received** (Pages 29 - 48)
To receive a routine update report on recent standards complaints.

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Declarations of Interest – guidance for Members

- (1) Members must consider their interests, and act according to the following:

Type of Interest	You must
Disclosable Pecuniary Interests	Disclose the interest, not participate in the discussion or vote, and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.
Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related) OR Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)	Disclose the interest; speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak, but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote, and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.
Other Registrable Interests (Affects) OR Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)	Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote <u>unless</u> the matter affects the financial interest or well-being: (a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interest or well-being of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward; and (b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest. In which case, speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak, but otherwise do not participate in the discussion or vote, and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.

- (2) Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.
- (3) Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations,

and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

City of York Council

Minutes

Meeting	Joint Standards Committee
Date	19 March 2026
Present	Councillors Runciman (Chair), Pavlovic and Kent, (CYC Members) Parish Councillor Geogheghan-Breen Ms R Mazza (Independent Person)
Apologies	Councillors Fisher and Steward (CYC Members) Parish Councillors Waudby and Chambers
Officer Present	Julie Gallagher, Head of Democratic Services

33. Apologies for Absence (4.03 pm)

Apologies were received and noted from Parish Councillors Waudby and Chambers, and CYC Councillors Fisher and Steward.

34. Declarations of Interest (4.04 pm)

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. None were declared.

35. Exclusion of Press and Public (4.05 pm)

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the exempt versions of Annexes A (ii) and B (ii) to Agenda Item 10 (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.

36. Minutes (4.05 pm)

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 22 January 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

37. Minutes of Sub-Committees (4.05 pm)

Resolved: That the minutes of the following sub-committee meetings be approved and signed as a correct record:

- 28 January 2026
- 25 February 2026
- 5 March 2026

38. Public Participation (4.06 pm)

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

39. Annual Report for 2025/2026 (4.06 pm)

The Head of Democratic Services presented the draft annual report of Joint Standards to members, noting there had been a slight increase in the total number of complaints compared to last year. Most of the complaints related to disrespect / disrepute and came from members of the public. She also highlighted the inclusion of the other work undertaken by the committee during the year to date.

Members recorded their thanks to the Democracy Officer for the comprehensive report and the Chair invited members to submit any comments or suggestions for inclusion via email.

Resolved: That the report be noted and a final version to be presented to July's Full Council meeting.

Reason: To fulfil the committee's remit in submitting a report for Full Council.

40. Review of Work Plan (4.09 pm)

Members considered the committee's work plan for the current municipal year.

Resolved: That the work plan be approved.

Reason: To ensure that the committee has a planned programme of work in place.

41. Monitoring Report on Complaints Received (4.11 pm)

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.

Cllr C Runciman, Chair

The meeting started at 4.03 pm and finished at 4.26 pm.

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18 May 2026

Update report from Member Development Working Group

This report updates Members on the various workstreams currently being progressed by the Joint Standards Working group on Member Training.

At its previous meetings, the working group has made good progress, establishing training priorities, as well as protocols for evaluating Member training and managing Member training records.

It is proposed that once nominations are closed that democratic services write out to all those nominated, offering them a Member Safety briefing (during the pre-election period) supported by our North Yorkshire Police, Operation Ford Contact. In addition, supported by colleagues in our election team, candidate and agent briefings will also be arranged.

Primarily, this report provides an update on the development of the 2027 Member Induction and Training programme and associated work.

- **MEMBER INDUCTION:**

Following the all-out elections in May 2027, it is proposed that the Council takes a different approach to Member Induction.

1. In preparation for the new cohort of Elected Members in May 2027, the Democratic Services team has undertaken work to develop the **Members' Portal**.

The Head of Democratic Services reviewed the existing members' portal and also undertook a survey of members to understand; their engagement with the current system and their requirements moving forward. Taking on board Elected Member feedback and working together with the Democratic Services team, a new member portal has been designed.

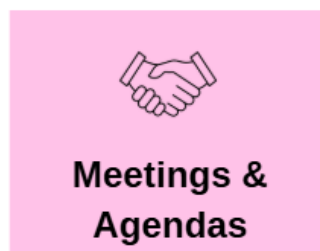
The design and landing page has been updated, see below.



The boxes are pastel coloured with black font to ensure that they are easier to see.



The **Latest News** box will link to the latest and past editions of the Members Newsletter.



The **Meetings & Agendas** box will give a direct link to the Modgov pages on the CYC website.



The **Scrutiny box** will include links to Scrutiny Committees, Task and Finish Group Reports and further Scrutiny Resources.



Expenses & Payroll

The **Expenses & Payroll** box will give information on how to claim expenses via iTrent, Payroll support information and further information on Members Allowances and Travel and Subsistence Claims.



Development & Training

The **Development & Training** box will give links to recordings of Member training sessions, and an updated calendar of sessions.



Meet The Team

The **Meet the Team** box will give contact details for all team members within Democratic Services, Civic and Electoral Services. Responsibilities for each team member will also be listed.



Documents & Links

The **Documents & Links** box will give direct links to the Constitution, Member Code of Conduct, Licensing Policy and other important guides. Instructions will also be included on how to amend your Register of Interest (ROI). Information on ICT support is also included within this box.



Member Safety

The **Member Safety** box will include information on Operation Ford, the national Police operation to protect locally elected representatives. It will include contact details for North Yorkshire Police's Officer for Member Safety, PC Steve Armitage.

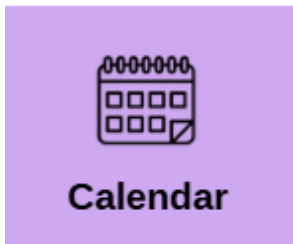


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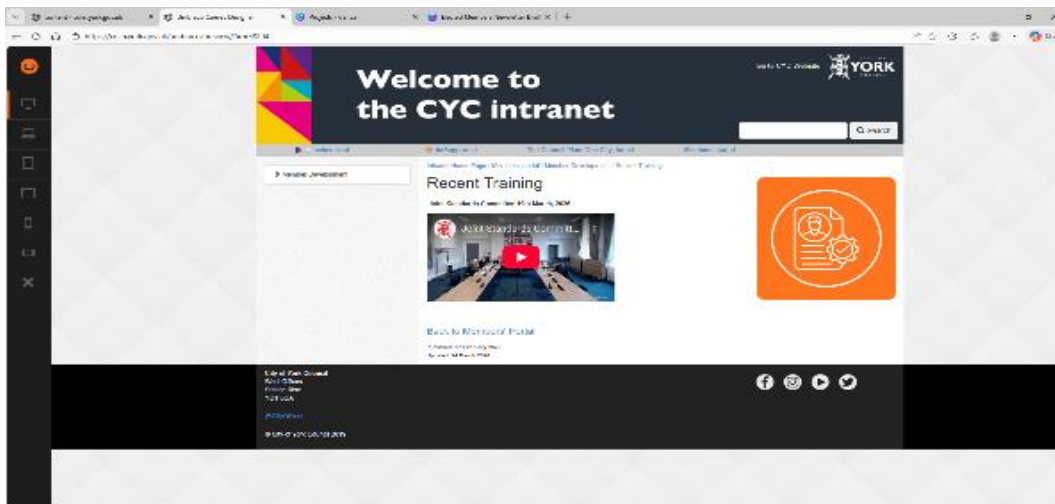
The **Civic box** will include details on the current Civic Party and how to contact them, if you wish to book them for your event.



The **Elections box** will include details on Registration and the Annual Canvass, Elections, Polls, Referenda and the Business Improvement District (BID). It also gives contact for the Electoral Services team.



The **Calendar box** will give a direct link to all public council meetings along with training sessions, group meetings and ward councillor meetings.



2. To compliment the work of the Members' Portal it is also proposed that a new **Members Handbook** is developed. The Member Handbook will provide an outline with further details available on the portal. It is proposed that the new handbook will be shared with newly elected Members. Suggested ideas for inclusion in the handbook are below:

Introduction
Being a York Councillor
Committee Information
Committee Structure
Overview and Scrutiny
Record of Interests
Code of Conduct
Motions and Questions at meetings
Etiquette and Expectations at meetings
The Lord Mayor and Civic Party
Member Allowances Scheme
Personal safety guidance
Social Media
Member Development
Casework
Working with Officers
Corporate Parenting
Information Governance
Democratic Services Team
Senior Leadership Team
Useful Contacts
West Offices Floor Plan
Emergency Response Team
Corporate Plan
A&G Info Packs
Members' Portal Guide

3. Members are also asked to consider a proposed plan for how the **Member Induction Day** is delivered.

It is proposed that the Member induction day be structured differently, with one, half day, set aside to meet with new members (and any returning members that may wish to attend). Starting with a market place event which provides stalls and information about a range of Council Services.

Start time		Duration	Officers	Location
9:00am	Tea and coffee on arrival Market place event (stalls with info from Public Health, Environmental health etc)	30 mins		
9:30	Chief Executive welcome	20 mins	Richard Webb	
09.50	1. Business Intelligence – ward Data 2. Member Casework/ Contact centre	1 hr	1. (30 mins) 2. (30 mins)	
10.50	Tea and Coffee Break	15 Mins		
11.00	Corporate Induction and Tour of West Offices Collect ID badges	45 mins		
11:45	1. Code of Conduct 2. Register of Interest, and completion of forms 3. Member Training and support available 4. Data Protection	1 hr		
12.45pm – 1.45pm	Networking Lunch with the Lord Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive and Executive Directors.	1 hr	Welcome from: Lord Mayor	
1.45pm	Collect Laptops	1 hr		

Feedback and evaluation will be undertaken following the member induction session and a further evening session will take place for any Members that are unable to attend.

3. **Following** the member induction, it is proposed that the Council role out a new **Member training schedule**, building on the work the committee has undertaken this year to develop Member training.

The LGA has produced a framework to assist with and develop members understanding of their roles. The framework has identified key themes that Councillors need to know to help them work effectively. It is therefore proposed, moving forward, that the Member training schedule is based around these key themes, namely:

Council Knowledge	Constitution, Committee roles, data, role of Officers
Subject Knowledge	Eg Housing/ health
System Knowledge	How things work, how to get things done
Understanding Council Finances	How the budget works, funding streams
Knowing the local area you represent	Ward data
Keeping up to date	How Communications work, social media

In addition, the training programme will also include modules on personal and practical skills for Members, to help them in their Councillor role: Personal resilience/ chairing skills/ personal safety/ operation ford/ organisational skills and good time management and case management.

As well as skills and resources that can help a Councillor to assist with their role as local Leaders and politicians; communicating with the community, network building etc.

Suggested List of Topics Member Training 2027/28 (Year after the election)

Council Knowledge	Subject and System Knowledge	Understanding Council Finances	Knowing the local area you represent	Keeping up to date
Code of Conduct	Need some service specific areas	Further input from finance colleagues:	Some suggested items:	Things coming through – new projects
Member safety	Some suggested items:	Capital Projects and Assurance	Performance data	Govt legislation etc
Departmental/ Committee Structure/ Scrutiny	Major Projects	Role of the External Auditors	Public health data	
Senior Leadership Team	Enforcement		Ward data	
Corporate Parenting	Benefits			
Disability Equity training	Safeguarding Adults and Childrens			

Personal and Practical Skills for Members	
New Chairs / Chairing skills	Members' questioning skills
Training for Members of Planning and Licensing, Audit	Training for Members of the Staff matters/ Chief Officer Recruitment
Data protection training	Health and Safety
LGA Political Leadership Course	

4. Member Newsletter

To complement the work of the Group and proposed changes to member training and to ensure Members get information that is up to date, the democratic services team has designed a member newsletter to be distributed monthly and once shared, be stored on the members Portal.

A mock up of the proposed newsletter can be found at Annex 1.

5. Next steps

Members of the working group reviewed the proposed approach and provided feedback that has informed this updated report.

The Head of Democratic Services has reached out to senior colleagues and asked them to identify areas for training and development. Their responses will inform further iterations of the training report.

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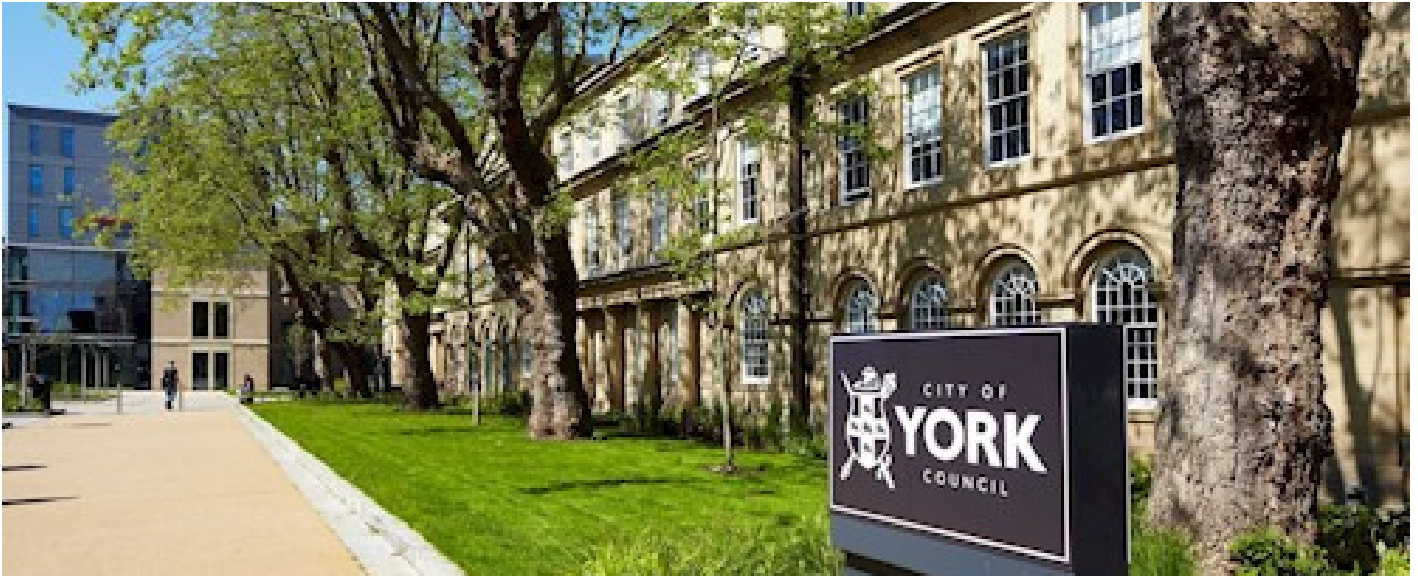
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NEWSLETTER

For City of York Council Elected Members



Welcome to Your Vote Week

Welcome to Your Vote Week 2026 (9–15 March), led by the Electoral Commission, is an annual initiative encouraging young people to engage with democracy. This year, local organisers in York delivered activities to build awareness and confidence around voting. They visited Joseph Rowntree Sixth Form, where students took part in a mock polling exercise that highlighted the importance of voter registration and sparked strong interest and discussion.

They also met with York Youth Council, whose members emphasised the need for ongoing civic education, especially ahead of proposed legislation to extend voting rights to younger people. Overall, the week was a success, with positive engagement and plans to expand future activities.

For the full article click here

Scrutiny Update

This section gives a fuller update on what the scrutiny committees at City of York Council have been working on in recent months, offering a longer and clearer picture of their activity.

It explains the main subjects members have explored, why these topics were chosen, and how they connect to everyday life for residents. The update describes the questions members have raised, any early thoughts that are beginning to form, and the steps committees are taking to build a deeper understanding of each issue.

It also looks ahead to the areas they plan to review next, setting out why these reviews matter and what the committees hope to learn. The aim is to help readers follow the journey of each piece of work, from the first discussion to the early findings, showing how the committees support open thinking and careful decision-making across the council.

This section will share the latest news from the scrutiny committees at City of York Council, highlighting recent discussions, upcoming reviews, and key areas members are focusing on.



Executive Developments

This section outlines recent work by the executive team at City of York Council. It highlights important decisions, new proposals, and ongoing projects that influence services across the city.

The update also shares progress on long-term goals and areas the executive is currently exploring. Bringing all this information together helps readers follow the leadership's priorities and understand how their choices support residents.

Operation Ford: Keeping Members Safety Paramount

PC Steve Armitage provides vital insight

This section will shine a light on the latest member development training available through the members' portal. It brings together new learning opportunities that help members stay current, grow their confidence, and strengthen their everyday practice. Each update is created to be practical, engaging, and easy to use, allowing members to learn at a pace that suits them.

By gathering everything in one simple location, this section ensures that the most up-to-date learning is always within reach. Members can return as often as they like, confident that new resources will continue to be added.



Dates for your diary

Here you'll find important upcoming dates for councillors, giving a quick overview of what's happening and when.

This will include upcoming training and meetings.



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Work Plan for Joint Standards Committee 2025/26

Meeting Date (4.00pm start time)	Items	Notes
8 July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. • Review of Work Plan 	Standard Item
16 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the proposed changed to appendix 29, case handling procedures • Review of Work Plan, <i>agree proposed change to meeting dates.</i> • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. 	Standard Item
20 November 2025 01 December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 29, Joint Standards Committee Procedures, Revisions • Review of Work Plan • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. 	Chris Coss Standard Item
22 January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to Appendix 29 • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. • Review of Work Plan 	Chris Coss Standard Item

19 March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual complaints report / Chair's draft report to full council • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. • Review of Work Plan 	Julie Gallagher Standard Item
18 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Development and Induction, report of the Working Group • Parish Council Liaison • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. • Review of Work Plan 	Chair, Julie Gallagher Cllr Pavlovic Standard Item

Pending items for consideration:

- Review of Citywide Democratic Engagement of Parished and Non Parished areas

Work Plan for Joint Standards Committee 2026/27

Meeting Date (4.00pm start time)	Items	Notes
20 July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair • Review of Work Plan • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. 	
24 September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Work Plan. • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. 	
19 November 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Work Plan • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. 	
21 January 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Work Plan • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. 	

Pending items for consideration:

- Review of Citywide Democratic Engagement of Parished and Non Parished areas

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Joint Standards Committee**18 May 2026**

Report of the Deputy Monitoring Officer

Monitoring Report in respect of Complaints Received**Summary**

1. This report is to update the Committee on the position regarding ongoing and recently closed complaints. It also includes a summary of the actions taken in relation to CYC cases closed within the last year.

Background

2. The Joint Standards Committee is responsible for promoting a culture of openness, accountability, probity and the maintenance of high standards of conduct by members. In order to do so, it reviews all code of conduct complaints. This enables, amongst other things:
 - Monitoring overall numbers of complaints allowing comparison with similar authorities
 - Monitoring trends of increasing/decreasing levels of complaints and identifying links to key events or triggers
 - Identifying common types of complaints which may illustrate a need for enhanced training and information
 - Assessing the efficacy of sanctions imposed by noting changes in complaint numbers relating to a particular circumstance or member following previous intervention.
 - Assessing the efficacy of the complaints procedure and identifying possible improvements.

Commentary on Case Logs**Open cases**

3. There is currently one open case. Case reference 2026/02 relates to internal emails between 2 parish councillors disclosed under

FOI provisions and containing personal attacks, evidence of bias and unlawful intent. Annex A refers.

Cases closed since last JSC

4. 3 cases have been closed since the last committee meeting. Annex B refers.

Completed resolutions

5. Actions taken following the closure of complaints involving CYC councillors, over the last 12 months, have been tracked and recorded in the table contained at Annex C.

Implications

Financial

6. Not applicable to this report.

Human Resources (HR)

7. Not applicable to this report.

Equalities

8. Maintaining standards across the City through the Code of Conduct ensures that an ethical framework can be adhered to, including ensuring that equality issues form an integral part of that framework.

Legal

9. Monitoring the standards procedure and its effectiveness is required under section 27 Localism Act 2011, encouraged by the LGA and the Committee on Standards in Public Life and a defined function of the Joint Standards Committee under Article 10 of the Constitution.

Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property

10. Not applicable to this report.

Recommendations

11. That the Joint Standards Committee notes the content of this report.
Reason: to ensure that the Committee is aware of the current levels of activity and is able to provide oversight of the complaints' procedure.

**Author & Officer Responsible
for the report:**

Julie Gallagher
Head of Democratic Services
and Deputy Monitoring Officer

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**Report
Approved**

Date 8 May 2026

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes:

- Annex A (i) Table showing open complaints (public)
- Annex A (ii) Table showing open complaints (confidential)
- Annex B (i) Table showing recently closed complaints
- Annex B (ii) Table showing recently closed complaints (confidential)
- Annex C Table showing complaint outcomes in the last 12 months.

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PUBLIC - Open Complaints Log

Case ref	City or Parish	Complainant	Date Received	Nature of Complaint	Status / updates	Officer
2026/02	Parish	1 x Resident	14/01/26	Concerns regarding various breaches of the Parish Code of Conduct.	This complaint is currently being assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer. IP views sought.	CC

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PUBLIC - Recently Closed Complaints Log

Case ref	City or Parish	Complainant	Date Received	Nature of Complaint	Status / updates	Officer
2026/05	Parish	1 x Resident	25/02/26 Closed	The complaint related to the Cllr breaching the code of and failure to follow due process.	This complaint was assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer, and the IP views were sought. Complaint did not pass the gateway test. NFA	JC
2026/07	CYC	1 x Resident	09/03/26 Closed	Inappropriate use of social media, abusing their position.	This complaint was assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Office, and the IP views were sought. Cllr was acting in their capacity as ward Cllr. NFA	JC
2026/08	Parish	1 x Resident	16/04/26 Closed	The complaint related to the Cllr breaching the code of conduct.	This complaint was assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer. The subject was not acting in their capacity as a Cllr at the time of the alleged incident. Code of conduct was not engaged. No action taken.	JG

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PUBLIC 1 YEAR - Closed Complaints Log

Complaint Number	Parish or CYC Cllr	Complainant	Date of Complaint	Nature of the complaint	Progress of Complaint	Resolution	Resolution completed
2025/05	CYC	Anonymous	17/06/25	The complainant alleges that the Councillor used inappropriate language when communicating via email.	The complaint was assessed in accordance with the published procedure for handling Code of Conduct complaints, and a decision was made to take no further action. This is because whilst the email forwarded to the Council officer is critical of Council employees, a certain level of criticism is allowed under the Code as part of a Councillor's role. Parties notified, complaint closed.	N/A	N/A
2025/09	CYC	York resident	18/09/2025	The complainant alleges that the Councillor has not responded to them on multiple occasions.	The complaint was assessed in accordance with the published procedure for handling Code of Conduct complaints, and a decision was made to take no further action. This is because a delay/failure to respond is not of itself capable of amounting to disrespect, or of bringing the role or Authority into disrepute and therefore does not constitute a breach of the code. Parties notified, complaint closed.	N/A	N/A

PUBLIC 1 YEAR - Closed Complaints Log

Complaint Number	Parish or CYC Cllr	Complainant	Date of Complaint	Nature of the complaint	Progress of Complaint	Resolution	Resolution completed
2025/10	Parish	York resident	24/09/2025	The complainant alleges that the Councillor acted in an unprofessional manner in relation to a comment on social media.	The Deputy Monitoring Officer reached the conclusion that this matter is outside of the scope of the code of conduct. This is because the subject member was not acting in their capacity as a Parish Councillor when the alleged breach occurred. There was no reference in the comment or on the Councillor's social media profile to their role as a Parish Councillor, and the post made was not in relation to any duty they may have as a Councillor. Parties notified, complaint closed.	N/A	N/A
2025/11	CYC	Resident	07/10/2025	The complainant alleges the Councillor did not declare an interests regarding a planning application and was not impartial	In considering the matter all parties were in agreement that minuting the Councillor's confirmation of his address at the meeting, could have provided reassurance about the maintenance of openness.		

PUBLIC 1 YEAR - Closed Complaints Log

Complaint Number	Parish or CYC Cllr	Complainant	Date of Complaint	Nature of the complaint	Progress of Complaint	Resolution	Resolution completed
					<p>Accordingly, it is recommended that these matters are recorded at future Parish Council meetings.</p> <p>It was recommended the Clerk and Parish Council undertake refresher Code of Conduct Training.</p>		
2025/12	CYC	Resident	12/11/2025	The complainant alleged that Councillors have not responded to email correspondence they have received, and in not doing so breached the Code of Conduct.	The complaint was assessed in accordance with the published procedure for handling Code of Conduct complaints, and a decision was made to take no further action. This is because a delay/failure to respond is not of itself capable of amounting to disrespect, or of bringing the role or Authority into disrepute and therefore does not constitute a breach of the code. Parties notified, complaint closed. No further action.	N/A	N/A
2025/13	CYC	Resident	15/12/2025 Closed 26/01/2026	Complainant alleged the Councillor had breached the Councillors' Code of	IP views sought and Chair of the Joint Standards Committee. An informal resolution sought.	A letter of advice sent to the Councillor, with the	Training Completed

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				Conduct. In multiple public comments made on a Facebook group he has failed to meet the standards of respect, integrity, honesty, and proper use of position expected of an elected member.		recommendation of further training.	
2025/07	CYC	5 x residents	17/08/25 Closed 22/01/2026	The complainants allege the Councillor posted an abusive message on 'X', and therefore breached paragraphs 3.1, 3.3 and 3.7 of the code of conduct.	This complaint was assessed in consultation with the Chair. The Vice chair recused following a declared personal interest. The IP identified a breach of the Code and recommended referral for investigation. DMO initial assessment noted clearly abusive content but no evidence of alleged homophobia. Also noted the message was removed within hours and an apology already independently volunteered. recommendation for additional	Informal Resolution: training regarding social media use	Training offered.

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2025/08	CYC	Resident	28/08/25 Closed 22/01/2026	The complainant alleges the Councillor sent unprofessional and inappropriate correspondence via email. The complainant also alleges the correspondence was dismissive and bring the council into disrepute.	This complaint was assessed in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair. The IP recommended no further action. DMO initial assessment was that the content of the emails was not disrespectful nor bringing CYC into disrepute and, although suggestive, did not go as far as to admit or promote criminal behaviour. As there was no evidence of a Code breach, no further action would be taken and the matter closed.	N/A	N/A
2026/01	CYC	Resident	06/01/2026 Closed 22/01/2026	The complainant refers to the conduct of a Councillor in relation to a planning application.	As the subject member was a member of the Council's Executive the matter was referred to a meeting of the Joint Standards Sub Committee. The Sub Committee met and resolved that the matter wasn't in scope and no further action was required.	N/A	N/A
2026/06	CYC	Resident	25/02/26 Closed	The complaint relates to the Cllr breaching the code	This complaint was assessed by the DMO and the IP	N/A	N/A

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			05/03/26	of conduct and abusing their position, with failure to follow due process.	After careful consideration it did not pass the gateway test for a code of conduct issue.		
2026/03	CYC	Resident	05/02/26 Closed	The complainant refers to the code of conduct of the Cllr in relation to press releases about the recent senior officer redundancy case.	The matter was considered by the Joint Standards Assessment Sub-Committee.	The Sub Committee resolved to issue an Advisory Note to the complainant and the subject member, and Group leaders reminding them of the need to always treat members with respect.	Advisory note sent and taken to Group Leaders.
2026/04	CYC	Resident	13/02/26 Closed	The complaint relates to specific conduct by a member of the Executive.	As the complainant was a member of the Council's Executive the matter was referred to a meeting of the Joint Standards Sub Committee. The Sub Committee met and resolved that the matter was not	N/A	N/A

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					in scope and no further action was required.		
2026/05	Parish	Public	25/02/26 Closed 05/03/26	The complaint relates to the Cllr breaching the code of conduct and abusing their position.	This complaint was assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer and IP views were sought. After careful consideration it did not pass the gateway test for a code of conduct issue.	N/A	N/A
2026/07	CYC	Public	09/03/26 Closed	Related to community posts on social media, misuse of their position as a Cllr.	This complaint was assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer and IP views were sought. Posts were in relation to the member's work as a ward / parish Cllr, no further action.	N/A	N/A
2026/08	Parish	Public	16/04/2026 Closed 20/04/26	The complaint relates to the Cllr breaching the code of conduct.	This complaint was assessed by the Deputy Monitoring Officer. The Cllr was not acting in his role as a Parish Councillor when the alleged incidents took place, therefore the code of conduct is not engaged. No action taken	N/A	N/A

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