



Joint Standards Committee

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

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

Mr M Fynn Mrs S Hollingworth and Ms R Mazza
(Independent Persons)

Date: Thursday, 24 September 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 9 (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. Public Participation

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5. Minutes (Pages 7 - 10)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 20 July 2026.

6. Member Code of Conduct

[Report to follow]

7. Review of Work Plan (Pages 11 - 12)

To consider the Committee's work plan for the current year and decide whether any amendments or additions are required.

8. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair decides is urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

9. Monitoring Report on Complaints Received

To receive a routine update report on recent standards complaints. [Report to follow.]

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Ta informacja może być dostarczona w twoim własnym języku. (Polish)

Bu bilgiyi kendi dilinizde almanız mümkündür. (Turkish)

یہ معلومات آپ کی اپنی زبان (بولی) میں بھی مہیا کی جاسکتی ہیں۔ (Urdu)

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	20 July 2026
Present	Councillors Kent, Runciman, Steward Councillor Geogheghan-Breen (Parish Council Member) Mr M Fynn and Ms R Mazza (Independent Person)
Officers Present	Julie Gallagher (Head of Democratic Services) Chris Coss (Head of Legal)

1. **Appointment of Chair**

Parish Councillor Geogheghan-Breen nominated Councillor Runciman to be appointed as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Kent, and it was unanimously

Resolved: That Councillor Runciman be appointed as Chair of the committee for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

2. **Appointment of Vice-Chair**

Parish Councillor Geogheghan-Breen was nominated as Vice-Chair by Councillor Kent, this was seconded by Councillor Steward.

Resolved: That Parish Councillor Geogheghan-Breen be appointed as Vice-Chair of the committee for the 2026/27 municipal year.

3. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and noted from Councillors Pavlovic, and Fisher, Parish Councillors Chambers and Waudby, and Sheila Hollingworth (Independent Person).

4. Declarations of Interest

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.

5. Exclusion of Press and Public

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; and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

6. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme. It was noted that a written representation had been received and published as a supplement to the agenda. Advice had been sought from the Monitoring Officer and was discussed during consideration of Item 10, Monitoring Report on Complaints Received.

7. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 18 May 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

8. Review of Work Plan

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

Resolved: That the work plan be approved subject to the following additions:

- Register of Members' Interests and the system for Declarations of Members' Interests.
- Gifts and Hospitality for Councillors and Officers.

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

9. Monitoring Report on Complaints Received

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

During the private part of the meeting, the committee concluded that confidentiality in relation to open cases maintained the integrity of the investigation. They were satisfied with the additional information in relation to cases provided by officers during the private session and asked that a consistent approach to updating the report be taken.

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 4.00 pm and finished at 4.55 pm.

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Work Plan for Joint Standards Committee 2026/27

<u>Meeting</u> (4.00pm start time)	<u>Date</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Notes</u>
20 July 2026		• Review of Work Plan • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received.	
24 September 2026		• Review of Work Plan. • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. • Code of Conduct Review	
19 November 2026		• Review of Work Plan • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received.	
21 January 2027		• Review of Work Plan • Monitoring report in respect of complaints received. • Register of Members' Interests and the system of Declarations of Members' Interests • Gifts and Hospitality for both Councillors and Officers	

Pending items for consideration:

- Parish Council Liaison Report
- Review of Citywide Democratic Engagement of Parished and Non Parished areas

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