

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

- To:** Cllrs Cannon, Hayes, Mercer, Runciman and Taylor (City of York Councillors)
Cllrs Martin, Perrett and Waudby (Parish Councillors)
Mr Hall (Independent Person) and Mr Laverick (Independent Person)
- Date:** Thursday, 26 November 2015
- Time:** 3.00 pm
- Venue:** The John Carr Room - 3rd Floor, West Offices (T021)

AGENDA

- 1. Appointment of Chair**
To appoint a Chair of the Joint Standards Committee for the municipal year.
- 2. Appointment of Vice-Chair**
To appoint a Vice-Chair of the Joint Standards Committee for the municipal year.
- 3. 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 interestswhich they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

- 4. Minutes** (Pages 1 - 6)
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 9 February 2015.
- 5. Minutes of Sub-Committees** (Pages 7 - 14)
To approve and sign the minutes of the Assessment Sub-Committee meetings of:
- 9 February 2015
 - 12 November 2015
- 6. 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 Wednesday 25 November 2015.**

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- 7. Review of Complaints for the last Municipal Year** (Pages 15 - 18)
This report provides an overview of the standards complaints received during the previous municipal year.

- 8. Monitoring Report in respect of complaints received**
The Monitoring Officer will give a verbal update in respect of complaints received.
- 9. Case Law Update - Bias** (Pages 19 - 22)
This report draws Members' attention to a recent case where apparent bias on behalf of a Councillor led to a decision being overturned.
- 10. Review of the Code of Conduct** (Pages 23 - 42)
This report seeks to prompt discussion on whether the City Council should make any changes to its current code of conduct and draws attention to the similarities and differences between the codes adopted by the City Council and local Parish Councils.
- 11. Appointment of an Independent Person** (Pages 43 - 46)
This report seeks Members' approval for a process leading to the appointment of an Independent Person following the decision of one of the current appointees to stand down once a replacement is identified.
- 12. Review of Work Plan** (Pages 47 - 48)
Members are asked to review the Committee's work plan and suggest items for consideration at future meetings.
- 13. Urgent Business**
Any other business which the Chair decides is urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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