
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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