
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.