



REPORT OF:	The Monitoring Officer
TO:	Standards Committee
DATE:	15th March 2017

SUBJECT: Member Training Update to the Standards Committee

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update Members on the plans for the 2017/18 Member Training Programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

Note the update report on the formulation of this year's member training programme.

3. BACKGROUND

At their meeting in February 2017, the Committee received a report outlining options for the development of a members training programme for 2017/18.

In fulfilling its role of advising, training or arranging to train members on matters related to the Code of Conduct, the Committee has regularly overseen the development of a member training and development programme, which seeks to ensure that councillors can fulfil their obligations in an effective and efficient way, supporting delivery of services to the Community whilst complying with the Code of Conduct.

The Committee also considered options for ensuring Councillors attended training which was important to the fulfilment of their role.

The Committee agreed that Chairs of Committees and Group leaders be consulted on the types of programme that should be planned for 2017/18.

The results of that engagement will be reported to the meeting and members will be invited to provide further views in advance of the programme being finalised and being approved at the next meeting of the Committee.

4. RATIONALE

The Committee has a role in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by councillors and co-opted members. The advising on the provision of training or

arranging to train councillors on matters related to the code of conduct is part of the Committees role and function as stated in the Constitution (Part 3, Section 5).

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The statutory provisions for the Standards Framework are set out in the Localism Act 2011. The Standards Committees role, functions and powers are stated in the Council's Constitution. This includes advising on the provision of training or arranging to train councillors on matters related to the code of conduct.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

A governance framework in local authorities is necessary to promote and maintain high ethical standards, and to ensure public confidence.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None contained in this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

Feedback from members on the training programme has been collated from discussions at the early training events this year in the Programme and a recent survey of key members.

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Background Papers: Member Trainings & Standards