



REPORT OF: **The Monitoring Officer**

TO: **Standards Committee**

DATE: **6th July 2017**

SUBJECT: **Member Training Update to the Standards Committee**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

Note the update report on this year's member training programme and approve the programme for the municipal year 2017/18.

3. BACKGROUND

At their previous meetings, the Committee has received reports regarding the 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 regularly oversees the development of a member training and delivery 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.

Early actions have been taken to deliver the initial stages of the Member Training Programme for 2017/18 and at the meeting the Committee will be asked to receive information relating to the early events and also approve the programme for the new Municipal Year, dates for which are currently being finalised.

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