

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

15/03/19

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING 2019

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the report

Reasons:

The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Not applicable

Exec Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
15/03/19**

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING 2019

Article 9 of the Council's constitution provides that one of the roles of the Standards Committee is to arrange training for Town & Community Councillors in respect of the Members Code of Conduct. In recent years the committee has fulfilled this duty by organising annual training events in County Hall.

These events have proven to be highly successful with around 100 delegates attending annually. Copies of the training presentation and any supporting documents are also supplied to all Town & Community Councils for dissemination to those councillors who have been unable to attend the training sessions.

A revised training presentation has been prepared for 2019 (copy attached). The changes are;

1. The inclusion of a section on the Nolan Principles
2. A completely new set of case studies
3. Slight changes to the sections on personal interests and dispensations.

At its meeting in December 2018 the committee expressed concern that, based upon the available data, less than 50% of Town and Community Councillors had received code training in the last 5 years. The committee therefore requested that proposals be brought forward aimed at significantly increasing the number of individual councillors who receive such training. The attached note sets out the available options. In summary however, they include;

1. Continuing the current arrangements (but possibly increasing the number of sessions)
2. Delivering the training to each Council separately
3. Arranging 'regional' sessions around the County with groups of Councils being trained together
4. Webcasting the training sessions and making it available online
5. Developing an e-learning module for individual Councillors to access

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

SIGNED: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal NONE	Finance NONE	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration and Law

1. **Scrutiny Committee** Not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** Not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** Not applicable
4. **Relevant Partners** Not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** *Not applicable*

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal file	DPSC-168	Legal Services, County Hall