
REPORT TO:	STANDARDS COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 10
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REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT & MEMBERS' TRAINING	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: Article 8.02

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the training programme set out in this report be adopted.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider how members should be trained in the requirements of the new Code of Conduct; and how the Standards Committee might evaluate the effectiveness of this training.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Section 54 of the Local Government Act 2000 says the Committee must be responsible for:

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by the members and co-opted members of the authority;
- (b) assisting members and co-opted members of the authority to observe the authority's code of conduct;
- (c) monitoring the operation of the authority's code of conduct;
- (d) advising, training or arranging to train members and co-opted members of the authority on matters relating to the authority's code of conduct.

3.2 Members will note that these requirements are reflected in Article 8.02, copy attached at Annexe 1, that one of the key roles of the Standards Committee is to ensure that members are properly trained in the requirements of the Code.

3.3 Annexe 2 sets out a training programme for the introduction of the Code.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 It is essential that **all** members (both District and Parish) (including co-opted members) and officers receive training on the new model code of conduct to ensure that when the code is adopted they are fully aware of their responsibilities.

