
REPORT TO: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM: 7

DATE OF MEETING: 13TH AUGUST 2003

CATEGORY: DELEGATED

REPORT FROM: MONITORING OFFICER

OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A

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SUBJECT: TRAINING

REF:

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

1.0 Reason for Exempt

1.1 Not applicable.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That details of the training provided to District Councillors and Parish Councils since the elections on 1st May 2003 be noted.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To receive details of the training provided to District Councillors and Parish Councils since the elections on 1st May 2003.

4.0 Detail

4.1 As part of the Induction Programme arranged for all Members of the District Council following the elections on 1st May, 2003, a session on the new ethical framework was held on 6th May 2003. This incorporated training on the Members' Code of Conduct, general provisions, personal and prejudicial interests, dispensations, the Register of Interests and quasi judicial roles relating to Regulatory Committees. With regard to the latter issue, a specific training session on the planning function was also held for all Members on 29th May 2003 by the Planning Co-operative, an external training provider. This included the role of Members when considering quasi-judicial issues.

4.2 All newly-elected Members were provided with the opportunity to attend a seminar at Melton Mowbray on 9th July 2003 for newly-elected Members organised by the East Midlands Regional Local Government Association under the Modern Members Development Programme.

4.3 On 14th July 2003 at Etwell, the Monitoring Officer provided training for Parish Councils on the new ethical framework. A copy of the presentation slides is attached at Annexe 'A' for information.

- 4.4 This session had been requested by the Secretary to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils ("DALC") and included the role of Monitoring Officer and the District Council's Standards Committee in relation to the Code of Conduct. Personal and prejudicial interests were also covered in detail, together with the Register of Gifts and Hospitality. The Secretary of DALC then explained the role of his Association prior to a question and answer session.
- 4.5 DALC represents 194 of the 204 parishes in Derbyshire. Only ten parish councils are not members, of which three are in South Derbyshire.
- 4.6 The training was well received and the 27 attendees represented 11 Parish Councils in South Derbyshire. Further joint training sessions will be arranged with DALC if necessary.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 None.

7.0 Community Implications

- 7.1 None

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 None.