

Member Development – Mandatory Training

12 April 2017

Report of Council Business Committee

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To enable Council to consider the recommendations of Council Business Committee to make it mandatory for

- members and named substitutes of the Licensing Regulatory Committee to attend Safeguarding/Child Sexual Exploitation training; and
- all newly-elected Members to attend finance training.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

That Council makes it mandatory for

- (1) all members and named substitutes of the Licensing Regulatory Committee to have undertaken Safeguarding/Child Sexual Exploitation training before sitting on the Committee;**
- (2) all newly elected Members to undertake finance training.**

1.0 Introduction

1.1 At its meeting on 26 January 2017, Council Business Committee considered a report (copy attached) explaining that a recent internal audit review of Taxi Licensing had highlighted the need for members of the Licensing Regulatory Committee to undertake training in Safeguarding/Child Sexual Exploitation.

1.2 The report also set out various reasons why undertaking finance training when a Member is first elected would assist them in their role and that making this mandatory would help their understanding of the complexities of budget setting.

2.0 Recommendations of the Committee

2.1 The Committee considered the report and resolved to recommend to Council that mandatory training in Safeguarding/Child Sexual Exploitation be introduced for all

Members and named substitutes of the Licensing Regulatory Committee and that all newly elected Members should undertake finance training.

- 2.2 Should Council agree with the Committee's recommendations, the terms of reference of the Licensing Regulatory Committee will be amended accordingly, and the Council decision for all newly elected Members to undertake finance training will be noted in the Constitution within Article 4 (paragraph 4.01(b) "Budget Framework"). These amendments will be carried out by the Monitoring Officer.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider the recommendations of Council Business Committee, set out in this report, to reduce the Council's exposure to risk regarding taxi licensing, and to enhance the knowledge of the Council's financial framework for newly elected Members.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

Protecting the most vulnerable in our society is a thread that runs through all the priorities in the Council's Corporate Plan.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

Community Safety and Equality Impact Assessment: the action at Recommendation 1 is to help reduce any risk to public safety when travelling by taxi, particularly to Children and Young People.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications as a direct result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from the report. Costs of training will be met from the existing Member Development Budget. It may be possible to share costs with neighbouring authorities to reduce expenditure and Democratic Services would always seek to do this wherever possible.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS Such as HR, ICT and Property: None

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has drafted this referral report in her role as Democratic Services

Manager.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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