

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

TRAINING FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS 23rd MAY 2008

Report of the Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To enable the Committee to consider what further training, if any, should be offered to parish councillors.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Members' views are sought as to what further training, if any, should be offered to parish councillors.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting on the 13th September 2007, the Committee considered the training sessions on the Code of Conduct that had been provided for city and parish councillors between May and September 2007. The Committee resolved that the issue of training for Parish Councils be considered at the meeting of the Committee scheduled for 10th April 2008. In fact, that meeting was cancelled, and the matter is therefore being raised at this meeting.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 One of the reasons for the Committee's resolution in September was that there was not a parish council representative present at the meeting. Members felt that it would be useful to have a parish perspective on the question of training, and felt that it would be helpful to know from the parish representatives on the Committee what training would be useful for parish councillors and their clerks.
- 2.2 The views of Members, and particularly the parish representatives are therefore sought. On the basis of the comments made at the meeting, the Monitoring Officer will endeavour to arrange any training that may be recommended by the Committee.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Services have been consulted. It is likely that any training would be carried out by the Monitoring Officer, and could therefore be met from existing staff resources, with no financial implications. If a need for external training was identified, further consideration would need to be given to the likely cost and whether it could be met from existing budgets.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services have been consulted and have no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer in her role as adviser to the Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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