

**Meeting of:** STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Date:** 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005

**Report of:** CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CENTRAL SERVICES)

**Reference:** JEB

**Title:** STANDARDS TRAINING FOR CUMBRIAN AUTHORITIES

## **PUBLIC/EXEMPT ITEM**

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

## **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform the Committee of an invitation from South Lakeland District Council to attend a training opportunity for Officers and Committee members in July 2005 and to seek a decision on whether or not to accept the invitation.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1 That Committee considers the invitation from South Lakeland District Council to attend the Standards training and the Corporate Governance and Probity training.**
- 2 That if the invitation is accepted the Committee nominates delegates to attend.**

## **REPORT**

South Lakeland District Council is hosting a joint training session on Friday 22 July 2005. Full details are contained in the letter attached as an appendix, which is summarised below:

### **Standards Training**

Training provider: Eversheds  
Time: 1.00 to 5.30 p.m.  
Subject: Role of the Standards Committee and enforcing the Code of Conduct  
Venue: To be arranged  
Cost: £350 per authority + cost of room hire and refreshment

### **Corporate Governance and Probity Training**

Also on 22 July, a further opportunity is available to Officers and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to benefit from a morning session starting at 10.00 a.m. This session will also be facilitated by Eversheds and will cover Corporate Governance and Probity. This training is at no additional cost to the Standards training, however should Committee decide to accept the offer of the Corporate Governance and Probity training only, then a cost of £200 per authority would apply.

## **OPTIONS**

- i. That Committee considers the invitation from South Lakeland District Council and if accepted, nominates delegates to attend the Standards training and the Corporate Governance and Probity training.
- ii. That the Committee considers the invitation from South Lakeland District Council and if accepted, nominates delegates to attend the Corporate Governance and Probity training only.
- iii. That Committee declines the invitation to attend the Standards and Corporate Governance training.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost to the Authority for the Standards Training plus the Corporate Governance and Probity training would be £350 and travelling expenses for the facilitators. This is subject to a minimum amount of £1,050 being obtained from delegates by South Lakeland District Council.

The cost of the Corporate Governance training is £200, and a contribution towards the cost of accommodation and refreshments. This would be subject to a minimum amount of £600 being obtained from delegates by South Lakeland District Council.

The cost can be met from the Member and Officer conference and travelling provisions included in the budget.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Community Safety implications arising from this report.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS ACT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

## **RACIAL EQUALITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Racial Equality and Equal Opportunities implications arising from this report.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Sustainability implications arising from this report.

## **MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Deputy Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

## **SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

## **BACKGROUND**

None.