

UPDATE ON TRAINING ON MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT	
STANDARDS COMMITTEE 21st JANUARY 2013	CLASSIFICATION: OPEN If exempt, the reason will be listed in the main body of this report.
WARD(S) AFFECTED ALL WARDS	
GIFTY EDILA CORPORATE DIRECTOR LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES	

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council has developed a Members' Code of Conduct as required by statute.
- 1.2 All elected Members on their election to office must sign a declaration confirming that they will abide by the Code.
- 1.3 The Localism Act 2011 requires Councils to have a Register of Interest and Members must declare pecuniary and other interests at meetings.
- 1.4 The Localism Act completely changed the ethical framework and it is important that all elected Members and co-opted members have a sound knowledge of the requirements of the new Code of Conduct and new proposals within the Localism Act 2011.

1.5 Council Officers who work with Members and co-optees are also required to have an understanding of the implications of the Localism Act 2011 and of the Members Code of Conduct to be able to give Members effective support.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Standards Committee is asked to note training events provided to Officers, Members and Co-optees.

3. TRAINING PROVIDED

3.1 Members training carried out to date are:

- 16th July 2012
- 23rd July 2012
- 29th October 2012
- a further date is scheduled for January 2013

3.2 Officers training carried out to date:

- 29th August 2012
- 6th September 2012

3.3 Guidance was sent to Members on:

- 29th June 2012

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- 31st June 2012

4. COMMENTS OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND RESOURCES

4.1 This report provides an update on the Members Code of Conduct training events. The costs pertaining to these events have been met from existing Governance Services budgets. If the need for additional resources is subsequently identified this would similarly need to be funded from within existing budgets.

5. COMMENTS OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES

5.1 The Localism Act 2011 changed the framework for ethical governance. The training provides relevant information to officers and Members on the new arrangements.

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Background Papers used:

The Localism Act 2011

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