

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

21 September 2009

Standards Training Plan 2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To review the Standards Committee's Standards Training Plan for 2009.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Standards Committee has agreed a Training Plan for the Authority regarding the ethical framework and periodically monitors training planned and undertaken.

3.0 TRAINING ISSUES

- 3.1 The Standards Training Plan has been amended following the Committee's last consideration of it earlier in the year. An updated Training Plan is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' comments.
- 3.2 Members will see that further standards training for Standards Committee Members is planned for 30 November 2009, following the Committee's meeting on that date.
- 3.3 Members are requested to consider the Training Plan and determine whether any amendments are required.
- 3.4 Members will be kept informed of progress in relation to standards training issues.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That Members review the Standards Training Plan.

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Background Documents:
None

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TRAINING	DATE
To Standards Committee:	
Training Received:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training to relevant Standards Committee Sub-Committees before assessment/review of complaints 	<p>2 February 2009 (Assessment Sub-Committee)</p> <p>25 March 2009 (Review Sub-Committee)</p> <p>1 June 2009 (Assessment Sub-Committee)</p> <p>6 August 2009 (Review Sub-Committee)</p> <p>Scheduled – 21 September 2009 (Assessment Sub-Committee)</p>
Future Training:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on the new local complaints framework Reschedule training postponed from 30 September 2008 	<p>30 November 2009 (after Committee's meeting on that date)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further training on quasi judicial decision-making and the new local complaints framework 	<p>Prior to a local assessment, review or determination hearing, as necessary (see Standards Committee section above)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction training for recently appointed Councillors to Committee 	<p>30 November 2009 (after Committee's meeting on that date)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction training for new independent Member appointed to Committee 	<p>30 November 2009 (after Committee's meeting on that date)</p> <p>Also, MO to supply new independent Member with appropriate documentation and to liaise with him and the other independent Members re attendance at meetings of Council,</p>

	Executive, Planning Committee, Overview & Scrutiny Committee(s), and Area Committees.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General updates on standards framework via Standards Bulletins 	Continual training through periodic production of Standards Bulletins
To Council Members:	
Training Received:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full training on Code of Conduct 	Members' Seminar on 10 May 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresher training on Code of Conduct (Members of neighbouring authorities also invited – attendance by some) 	7 and 19 March 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induction training for Members post election 	Post 4 June 2009 - induction training delivered.
Future Training:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresher standards training for Members (explore scope for joint training with neighbouring authorities) 	2009 – to tie in with any revised Code of Conduct arising out of the Oct 08 consultation paper (new Code expected late Autumn 2009)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General updates on standards framework via Standards Bulletins 	Continual training through periodic production of Standards Bulletins
To Officers:	
Training Received:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on the Officers' and Members' Codes of Conduct, the Member/Officer Protocol and the principles of good decision-making. 	31 October 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on the Officers' and Members' Codes of Conduct, the Member/Officer Protocol and the principles of good decision-making (repeat sessions) 	9 and 13 February 2009
Future Training:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on new national Employees' Code of Conduct (once in force) 	2009 – to tie in with publication of revised Code of Conduct arising out of the Oct 08 consultation paper. Further consultation on new Code expected in 2010.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input by Monitoring Officer into the e-induction training for Officers 	Amended target – mid 2009

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General updates on standards framework via Standards Bulletins 	Continual training to key individuals through periodic production of Standards Bulletins
To others:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunity to raise awareness with key partners (eg health, voluntary sector) 	Amended target – late 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunity to undertake training to major suppliers to the Council 	Amended target – late 2009