

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

10 May 2010

Standards Training Plan 2009/2010

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To review the Standards Committee's Standards Training Plan for 2009/2010.

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 An updated Training Plan is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' information. Historical information about training received over the last few years has now been removed from the Plan, with the exception of that received in 2009, which has been retained.
- 3.2 Training for the new Members of the Standards Committee is the subject of a separate report to the meeting.
- 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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Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and Monitoring Officer

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, consideration of investigation reports and determination of complaints. 	<p style="text-align: center;">2 February 2009 (Assessment Sub-Committee)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25 March 2009 (Review Sub-Committee)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 June 2009 (Assessment Sub-Committee)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 August 2009 (Review Sub-Committee)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21 September 2009 (Assessment Sub-Committee)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18 January 2010 (Determination Sub-Committee)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 February 2010 (Assessment Sub-Committee)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General refresher standards training (including predetermination and predisposition) to Standards Committee. 	30 November 2009
Future Training:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing training on quasi judicial decision-making and the local complaints framework. 	Prior to a local assessment, review, consideration or determination hearing, as necessary (see Standards Committee section above)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induction training for new independent Members appointed to Committee (including appropriate documentation re attendance at meetings of Council, Executive, Planning Committee, Overview & Scrutiny Committee(s), and Area Committees). 	March 2010 and May 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on new national Members' Code of Conduct (once in force – mid/late 2010?). 	2010 – to tie in with any revised/new Code of Conduct. New Members' Code was expected November 2009, for

	implementation May 2010. Will not be published until after general election.
<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"> Induction training for Members post election: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards and the Code of Conduct How the Council makes decisions 	<p>Summer 2009 - induction training delivered.</p> <p>10 – 11 June 2009</p> <p>8 July 2009</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training to Members' Seminar – "Ethical Framework Update and Freedom of Information". 	11 November 2009
Future Training:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training to Members' Seminar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed at Standards Committee meeting on 1.2.10 that Members of the Committee will assist in the delivery of this training. 	October 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresher standards training for Members. (explore scope for joint training with neighbouring authorities) 	Autumn 2010 – to tie in with any revised Code of Conduct (new Code expected after elections in 2010)
<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 (repeat sessions) 	9 and 13 February 2009
Future Training:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresher standards training 	Autumn 2010 – to tie in with publication of revised Members' Code of Conduct.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on new national Employees' Code of Conduct (once in force). 	As and when new Code introduced. Further consultation on new Employees' Code expected in 2010.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input by Monitoring Officer into the e-induction training for Officers. 	Mid 2010

<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 (e.g. health, voluntary sector) 	Mid 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunity to undertake training to major suppliers to the Council 	Mid 2010