

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

16 May 2011

Standards Training Plan 2011/12**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To review the Standards Committee's Standards Training Plan for 2011/12.

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 been removed from the Plan, with the exception of that received in 2010 or dates of the last training received, which have been retained.
- 3.2 Given the Government's intention to "abolish the Standards Board regime", as proposed in the Localism Bill, it is recommended that due to the uncertainty of the situation, no further standards training for Members is planned until the proposals for any new standards regime for the Authority are clearer. The Plan has been amended on that basis.
- 3.3 Members are requested to consider the Training Plan and determine whether any amendments are required at this time.
- 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.

CAROLE DUNN
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and Monitoring Officer

Background Documents:

None

County Hall
NORTHALLERTON

5 May 2011

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE

16 May 2011

Standards Training Plan 2011/12

TRAINING	DATE
To Standards Committee:	
Training Received:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General updates on standards framework via Standards Bulletins. 	Periodic publication throughout the year
<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. 	18 January 2010 - Determination Sub-Committee 1 February 2010 - Assessment Sub-Committee 6 August 2010 - Assessment Sub-Committee 6 August 2010 - Determination Sub-Committee 6 October 2010 - Assessment Sub-Committee 18 March 2011 - Assessment Sub-Committee 18 March 2011 - Determination Sub-Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General refresher standards training (including predetermination and predisposition) to Standards Committee. 	8 November 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induction training for new independent Member. 	9 August 2010
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"> • Training on any voluntary Members' Code of Conduct adopted by the Authority and the supporting standards regime. 	2011/12 – post enactment of Localism Bill and introduction of relevant regulations.
<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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training to Members at Members' seminar on the Localism Bill and the proposed changes to the standards regime. 	2 March 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General updates on standards framework via Standards Bulletins. 	Periodic publication throughout the year
Future Training:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on any voluntary Members' Code of Conduct adopted by the Authority and the supporting standards regime. (explore scope for joint training with neighbouring authorities) 	2011/12 – post enactment of Localism Bill and introduction of relevant regulations.
<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 	2011/12 – post enactment of Localism Bill and introduction of relevant regulations.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General updates on standards framework via Standards Bulletins. 	<p>Continual training to key individuals through periodic production of Standards Bulletins</p>
<p>To others:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunity to raise awareness of new standards regime with key partners (e.g. health, voluntary sector) 	<p>Mid 2012</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunity to undertake training to major suppliers to the Council 	<p>Mid 2012</p>