

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Standards Training Plan for Members – 2026/2027**

TRAINING	DATE
<b>Standards and Governance Committee</b>	
<b>Training required:</b>	
i. Training on any new Code of Conduct and standards regime, once any legislative changes arising out of the Government consultation on strengthening the standards regime are enacted and any new regime is implemented by NYC.	Possibly Autumn 2026 or as soon as possible after any new regime implemented
ii. Standing guidance on key issues of code and standards regime in each edition of Standards Bulletin.	Twice per year as a minimum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2026</li> <li>• September 2026</li> </ul>
iii. Refresher training as the Committee may request.	Periodic
iv. Refresher training to Hearings Panel regarding Hearings Panel procedures in advance of each Hearing.	As required and before each Hearings Panel hearing.
<b>Independent Persons for Standards</b>	
<b>Training required:</b>	
i. Independent Persons to be invited to all Standards and Governance Committee training.	See above section.
ii. External training as appropriate and as opportunities are presented.	Periodic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 April 2026: Independent Persons' Workshop 2026 (external)</li> </ul>
iii. Annual catch-up meeting for IPs – organised and hosted by Monitoring Officer and training provided re reviewing the previous year, complaint statistics and themes, the role of the IP, assessments, investigations and hearings.	Anticipated April 2026
iv. Introductory training by Monitoring Officer to any new Independent Person for Standards, should there be a need to recruit to the current vacancy.	As may be required.
<b>North Yorkshire Council Members</b>	
<b>Training required:</b>	
i. Refresher training to NYC Members on Members' Code of Conduct through a Members' seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training undertaken at Members' seminar on 4 February 2026 in context of social media training</li> </ul>

ii.	Full Code of Conduct training for any newly elected NYC councillors	As required
iii.	Standing guidance on key issues of code and standards regime in each edition of Standards Bulletin.	Twice per year as a minimum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2026</li> <li>• September 2026</li> </ul>
iv.	Training on any new Code of Conduct and standards regime, once any legislative changes arising out of the Government consultation on strengthening the standards regime are enacted and any new regime is implemented by NYC.	Possibly Autumn 2026 or as soon as possible after any new regime implemented
v.	Monitoring Officer to produce a recorded training session on standards for Members to access at any time, once any legislative changes arising out of the Government consultation on strengthening the standards regime are enacted and any new regime is implemented by NYC.	Possibly Autumn 2026 or as soon as possible after any new regime implemented
<b>Parish and Town Councils</b>		
<b>Training required:</b>		
i.	Previous online training session (13 September 2024) by Deputy Monitoring Officer and Senior Governance Lawyer to North Yorkshire parish and town councils (West Team) re Code of Conduct and standards regime was recorded and is now published and available for parish and town councils to access.	Please contact Democratic Services for the hyperlink.
ii.	Standing guidance on key issues of code and standards regime in each edition of Standards Bulletin. Standards Bulletins are circulated to parish and town councils in North Yorkshire.	Twice per year as a minimum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2026</li> <li>• September 2026</li> </ul>
iii.	Update the recorded training session once any legislative changes arising out of the Government consultation on strengthening the standards regime are enacted and any new regime is implemented by NYC.	Possibly Autumn 2026 or as soon as possible after any new regime implemented