

## Code of Conduct Training Update

### Report of the Clerk and Monitoring Officer

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#### 1 Purpose of Report

This report provides the Committee with details of the Code of Conduct training provision for 2009/10.

#### 2 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

#### 3 Background

Code of Conduct training has been reviewed and further training is planned for late autumn. There has also been some training specifically for non-elected Independent Members of this committee.

#### 4 Training Planned

Following feedback received from the Code of Conduct training provided by Telford & Wrekin Council last year, the provision of such training has been reviewed. The Council will be offering training to its Members later this year, to which all Fire Authority Members and non-elected Independent Members will be invited. The training should differ from previous years in providing a more interactive process with smaller training groups. An external trainer has been selected to assist the Monitoring Officer in presenting the training and dates and venues are now being finalised.

## **5 Training Undertaken**

Training for non-elected, Independent Members of the Standards Committee was provided by the Monitoring Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officer on 7 October at the Civic Offices, Telford. The training covered, in particular, the process for the local consideration of complaints, including a case study example. The training was attended by the Chair of this Committee.

The provision for the training set out above is contained in the Standards Committee work plan for this year.

## **6 Financial Implications**

The cost of training to be provided by Telford & Wrekin Council is not yet known but it is likely that it can be met from existing budgets.

## **7 Legal Comment**

Code of Conduct training is not compulsory but is recommended as good practice. Training for Independent Members of Standards Committee is important in providing details of the role and responsibilities of the Independent Member, particularly in relation to the role as Chair of the Standards Committee and its sub-committees.

## **8 Equality Impact Assessment**

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Personnel 5 Part 2) and have decided that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed.

## **9 Appendices**

There are no appendices attached to this report.

## **10 Background Papers**

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	
Capacity		Member Involvement	*
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial		Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	