

COMMITTEE: STANDARDS

DATE: 16 JUNE 2003

SUBJECT: TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL ☒

COMMUNITY SAFETY ☐

EQUALITIES ☐

ENVIRONMENT ☐

FINANCIAL ☐

OTHER ☐

STAFFING ☐

OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: NONE

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Committee with regard to the current position on training for Members and seek the Committee's views on future training.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the Committee note the report and give any views on future training for Members.

REPORT

3. I have already reported in my report "New Members and Code of Conduct" (Agenda Ref: 9.4) on the training seminars which took place on 14 and 15 May 2003. 21 (out of 48) elected Members attended one of these seminars. 17 out of the 22 newly elected Members attended. In addition 1 of the Independent Members of this Committee attended one of the seminars.
4. I have already reported (oral report Agenda Ref: 9.1) on the attendance by Mr. John Jones and myself at the Second Annual Assembly of Standards Committees held in Birmingham on 9-10 June 2003.
5. The Committee has already (Min. Ref. 16(iii)/02) authorised me, in conjunction with the Chair of the Committee, to authorise attendance by Members of the Committee (and other Councillors) at seminars courses and conferences relevant to the work of the Standards Committee.

6. Apart from the training referred to in this report there has been a very limited amount of external training which has been available for Members, although there are courses put on from time to time more aimed at officers such as myself. One of the difficulties in the past year has been the delay (reported elsewhere on the agenda) in the issuing of the Regulations under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2000.
7. Members are invited to consider whether they wish to see any particular mechanisms put in place relating to future training for Members.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

There are no background papers to this report.

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