

COMMITTEE: STANDARDS

DATE: 8 DECEMBER 2003

SUBJECT: TRAINING FOR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

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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 advise the Standards Committee of training sessions which I am proposing to run in relation to the Council's Constitution.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the Standards Committee note the report.

REPORT

3. When the new constitutional arrangements, involving the Executive system, were set up training was arranged for members on the way in which the new system worked. There was, however, little in the way of training for most officers, who have had to learn the system through their experience of it. There has also been training for members to which officers were invited, on the new ethical framework which came into operation in May 2002. Most recently, training seminars were arranged following the Borough Elections in May of this year.
4. I have recently surveyed Heads of Service to ask them whether they would find training seminars for officers on the new ethical framework of benefit. A significantly number of Heads of Service have responded to say that they would find such training of benefit and I am proposing to organise this in the New Year, both in relation to new ethical framework and the Constitutional arrangements. There is no reason, of course, why members who would like to refresh their knowledge, should not attend such sessions if they wish and I will ensure that members are made aware of when these are to be held.

APPENDICES

7. There are no appendices to this report.

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

There are no background papers to this report.

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