

Subject: Member Induction Programme
Date of Meeting: 29 March 2011
Report of: Monitoring Officer
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE.**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 This report introduces the draft 2011 Member Induction Programme and seeks Members' comments on what should be included in that programme from a standards perspective.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee reviews the draft programme and advises of any standards issues that it considers should be included.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 There are local elections on 5 May 2011. As some existing Members are not seeking re-election, the composition of the Council will inevitably change. It is the council's practice to offer a comprehensive induction programme to all new members. The draft programme is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The 1 hour slot at 11 am on Tuesday 10 May entitled, "Setting Standards – how to behave as a Member" is clearly standards orientated. All members are requested to attend, not just the new ones. Attached as Appendix 2 is the programme for the equivalent session in 2007.
- 3.3 Members are asked to consider the programme from a standards perspective and to suggest areas for inclusion. The Induction Programme offers an opportunity to reinforce the message that standards are embedded across all aspects of the Council's work.

4. CONSULTATION:

- 4.1 The independent Chairman of the Committee and the Monitoring Officer have been consulted.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 17 March 2011

Legal Implications:

5.2 There are none.

Lawyer Consulted: Liz Woodley

Date: 8 March 2011

Equalities Implications:

5.3 There are no equalities implications.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 There are no sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 There are no crime and disorder implications.

Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 There are none.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 There are none.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Draft Induction programme.
2. Setting Standards - How to behave as a Councillor 11 May 2007.

Documents in Members' Rooms:

1. None.

Background Documents:

1. None.

