

NOTICE OF MEETING

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 17 APRIL 2015 AT 2.30 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM A - CIVIC OFFICES

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Membership

Councillor Simon Bosher (Chair)
Councillor Eleanor Scott (Vice-Chair)
Councillor John Ferrett
Councillor Steve Hastings
Councillor Leo Madden
Councillor Hugh Mason

Standing Deputies

Councillor David Fuller Councillor Phil Smith Councillor Rob Wood Councillor Julie Swan Councillor Alistair Thompson

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<u>AGENDA</u>

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Members' Interests

3 Councillor training and development (Pages 1 - 28)

The purpose of the report is to update members on the review of the councillor training programme in light of comments made at the 13 March 2015 meeting of this committee and make recommendations for future member training and development.

RECOMMENDED that Members

- I. Support an enhanced induction programme for new members and ongoing training (Appendix 1 Elected Member Training Calendar 2015)
- II. Support the expectation that members (and standing deputies) receive training prior to committee membership or that appropriate records are kept to demonstrate that formal training is not required for an individual councillor
- III. Support improved partnership working between officers and Group Leaders regarding ongoing professional development training
- 4 Review of Members' Code of Conduct and Committee Arrangements for Assessment, Investigation and Determination of Complaints (Pages 29 56)

Following Members' earlier consideration of this report on 13 March 2015, this report is to update Members of the Committee on the Members' Code of Conduct and Committee Arrangements for Assessment, Investigation and Determination of Complaints following the resolution passed at the Committee on 30 January 2015.

RECOMMENDED

That Members of the Committee

1.1 Agree

- (i) the proposed changes to the Code of Conduct and the Arrangements for Assessment, Investigation and Determination of Complaints or propose and agree further changes and
- (ii) the procedure for the initial filtering of complaints, or propose and agree further changes
- 1.2 Recommend the agreed changes to Council for

adoption.

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