

## Standards Committee

### AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>MEMBER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING</b>
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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	13 December 2010
<b>Directorate:</b>	Borough Solicitor
<b>Ward(s)</b>	All

### 1. Summary

- 1.1 To ascertain from Members of Standards Committee their training needs on Standards issues.
- 1.2 To ascertain from Members of Standards Committee the training needs of other Councillors on Member Development Training issues generally.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members hold an open discussion forum at the meeting and provide their proposals to the Chair.

### 3. Report Background

- 3.1 The Local Government elections are expected to take place in May 2011.
- 3.2 Inevitably there will be many new members and it is customary for new and existing members to receive training on skills they need as Councillors in Local Government. Please see attached as appendix 1 a set of modules, which are currently the subject of training for the remainder of this year and the beginning of next year.
- 3.3 Members will need to separate in their discussions the training needs of Councillors generally (for example constitutional and ethical topics and mandatory training on the Code of Conduct and other subjects described in appendix 1) and the training needs of Standards Committee members.
- 3.4 It will subsequently be possible over the coming weeks and months for a discussion to take place with the member development group to ensure constitutional and ethical topics are included in the annual training programme.

### 4. Implications (including financial implications)

#### 4.1 Resources and Risk

This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance and those using the service and where such implications are material they have been described in the body of this report.

#### 4.2 Legal

None other than those mentioned in the body of the report. Standards Committee is the appropriate body to consider the matters set out in this report.

#### 4.3 Other Implications

This report has also been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service and where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report.

### 5. Background Papers

LLRMDN Member Development Programme attached as Appendix 1

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