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To: Standards Committee – 28 May 2009

Subject: Member Induction: The Role of Members and the Ethical Framework

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report contains an outline of the proposals for Member Induction and Development following the elections in June.

Introduction

- (1) At the Standards Committee meeting on 27 April 2009, Members received a report on the proposals for Member Induction and Development following the elections in June, with specific reference to the training on ethical standards and the role of the Standards Committee
- (2) The Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership undertook to produce an outline of the training session for Members of the Standards Committee and this is attached to the report at **Appendix 1**.
- (3) The draft programme for Member Induction and Development contains 5 duplicate sessions on ethical standards spread over 3 days: 12 June and 20 and 24 July.
- (4) All candidates in the election have received information about the induction programme and the importance of attending one of the ethical standards training sessions has been stressed to candidates.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to consider and approve the proposals for the ethical standards training.

Standards Committee Workshops 2 1/2 hours
12th June (am & pm), 20 July (pm), 24 July (am & pm)

10am	Standards Committee Member Introduction	15 minutes
10.15am	Peter Sass presentation The Code of Conduct, Members responsibilities, Register of Interests	20 minutes
10.35am	The Code of Conduct: The Code Uncovered DVD Running time 32 minutes	30 minutes
11.05am	Group discussion workshops The group can explore: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In what circumstances would there be/not be a breach of the code?- What other action could be taken?- What could the monitoring officer do?- What could the standards committee do?- What could the chief executive do?- What could the political group leader(s) do?	40 minutes
11.45am	Peter Sass presentation - Questions and discussion on scenarios Peter/Standards Committee Member	30 minutes
12.15pm	Close	