

Report to the Standards Committee

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**Epping Forest
District Council**

Subject: Member Code of Conduct Training Update.

Responsible Officer: Simon Hill (01992 564249)

Democratic Services: Gary Woodhall (01992 564470)

Recommendations/Decisions Required:

- (1) To consider a position statement on Code of Conduct Training for Members of the District Council; and**
- (2) To recommend any further measures to encourage effective training.**

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1. At the last meeting the Committee discussed their view on the frequency of Code of Conduct training for Councillors. It was agreed that Members should attend training once per term of office or more frequently should the code change (as it did in 2016).
2. Since that meeting, the Chairman of the Committee wrote to all District members about the importance of training and the Deputy Monitoring Officer has held two main training sessions on the Code (23 May and 13 June 2017), one session for Ongar Town Council (16 February 2017) and a session on the emerging Planning Code (30 June 2017).
3. The Monitoring Officer has also now contacted all outstanding Members offering a further session on 2 October 2017, and the majority of these members have indicated they are attending that session. A position statement for all Members is attached as an Appendix.
4. The Committee are asked to consider this and suggest any further measure they feel necessary to encourage effective training.