

Report to Standards Committee

Subject: Code of Conduct training following the May 2015 elections

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1. Purpose of the Report

To inform members of the Standards Committee about the code of conduct training delivered to Borough Councillors following the elections in May 2015 and seek comments on training to be offered to Parish Councils.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the meeting on 26 February 2015, Standards Committee considered a report of the Monitoring Officer outlining the proposed induction programme for members following the election in May 2015. By way of update, all Borough Councillors were offered training on the Code of Conduct which was delivered by the Monitoring Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officer on 14 May 2015. 13 councillors attended the training and the slides and handouts were distributed to those who did not attend. Where requested, one to one support has been given to councillors to assist with the completion of the Register of Interests Forms. All Borough Councillor Register forms have been received by the Monitoring Officer and published on the Council's website.
- 2.2 In addition, at the meeting on 26 February 2015 it was agreed that the Monitoring Officer should offer a training session to Parish Councils on the Code of Conduct. Following the election in May, the Monitoring Officer wrote to all Parish Council Clerks asking whether the parish council would be interested in receiving such training and if so whether there were any specific topics they wanted to be trained on. Unfortunately only 2 responses have been received from Linby Parish Council and Woodborough Parish Council. In light of this, the views of the Standards Committee are sought on what training, if any, should be provided to Parish Councils.

3. Proposal

It is proposed that the Committee notes the report and provides comments on training to be offered to Parish Councils.

4. Financial Implications

None arising from this report.

5. Appendices

None.

6. Background papers

None identified.

7. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee notes the report and provides comments on training to be offered to Parish Councils.