

JOINT TRAINING ON THE REVISED CODE, LOCAL ASSESSMENTS, REVIEW, AND HEARINGS FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive - Legal and Democratic

Wards Affected

County Wide

Purpose

1. To update Committee on progress made on joint training with Worcester and Shropshire County Council.
2. To consider options proposed by Worcester County Council and Shropshire County Council.
3. To consider options available to the Committee.

Financial Implications

4. Officers and Members time in preparing and attending.

Background

5. The Committee will recall that the Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic has had discussions with both Worcester County Council and Shropshire County Council in establishing a day and programme for joint training for members of the relevant constituent Standards Committees.
6. Worcester County Council have agreed the view that they feel their 'nexus' with Shropshire County Council is too remote. They would consider joint training with Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority and Worcester City (District).
7. Shropshire County Council would like to pursue joint training as well as West Mercia Police Authority.
8. The Committee will recall that there has been previous joint training with Worcester County Council.

Consideration

9. Worcester County Council, Worcester City and the Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority all have their respective Standards Committees. It would seem appropriate therefore to pursue a joint training programme for members of the respective Standards Committees with the above Authorities and to facilitate shared

experiences of the past and likely issues to arise from local assessment arrangements.

10. Whilst it may not at this stage be appropriate to include Shropshire County Council in such training, the Committee will continue to offer support to Shropshire County Council in anyway it can.

Recommendations

THAT

- (i) **subject to comments from the Committee, joint training be provided with Worcester County Council and the other Authorities referred to above;**
- (ii) **the Assistant Chief Executive – Legal and Democratic, to inform the Committee of the proposed dates and venue for such training; and**
- (iii) **the Committee offers any support it can to Shropshire County Council, and the Assistant Chief Executive will inform the Committee of such support;**