

## **TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE HEREFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

**Report By: County Secretary and Solicitor**

### **Wards Affected**

County-wide

### **Purpose**

1. To update the Committee on the wide range of training courses made available to town and parish councillors by the Herefordshire Association of Local Councils and to consider a report from Bromyard and Winslow Town Council in respect of its training programme, following the hearing held on 26 July 2005.

### **Background**

2. Under the Council's Constitution, the Standards Committee have the following role and function.
  - Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by the councillors and co-opted members of the Council.
  - Assisting councillors and where appropriate co-opted members, to observe the Council's Code of Conduct.
  - Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Council's Code of Conduct.
  - Monitoring the operation of the Council's Code of Conduct.
  - Advising, training or arranging to train the councillors and co-opted members of the Council on matters relating to the Council's Code of Conduct.
  - Exercising the above functions in relation to parish councils for which it is the responsible authority, and the members of those councils.
  - Granting dispensations to councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Council's Code of Conduct.
  - Dealing with any reports from a case tribunal or interim case tribunal, and any report from the Monitoring Officer or any matter which is referred by an Ethical Standards Officer to the Monitoring Officer.
3. As part of its responsibility in relation to advising, training or arranging to train councillors, the Committee have worked with the Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (HALC). HALC run an annual programme of training and development and have been monitoring attendance across the 136 town and parish councils for which the Committee is responsible. The current programme for 2005/06 is set out at Appendix A.

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Further information on the subject of this report is available from  
Marie Rosenthal, County Secretary and Solicitor on (01432) 260200

4. A schedule showing current attendance by individual councils is attached at Appendix B.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Committee note the report.**

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None identified