

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
29 JUNE 2009

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
(Borough Treasurer)

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the training requirements of the Governance and Audit Committee.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **Members of the Governance and Audit Committee to identify the training needs of the Committee so that officers can agree a training programme with the Chairman.**

3 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 3.1 There are no legal implications to this report.

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- 3.2 The cost of training will be funded from the Member Training Budget which has competing priorities. Where possible, existing staff will be used to conduct this training.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 3.3 The Governance and Audit Committee plays a vital role in overseeing the Council's governance arrangements including risk management. The effectiveness of the Committee will be scrutinised internally by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and by the Council's External Auditors in assessing the effectiveness of the Council's governance arrangements. The training needs of the Committee should be identified and met in order for it to fulfil its role and ensure the Council complies with the CIPFA best practice guidance in "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework" and "Audit Committees: Practical Guidance for Local Authorities".

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 3.4 Not applicable.

4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The roles and responsibilities of the Governance and Audit Committee have been defined and agreed and are set out at Appendix 1. The Committee is asked to consider its training needs in the light of this document so that officers can identify a programme of training and agree this with the Chairman of the Committee. Committee Members are also asked to consider the timing of training and given

existing evening meeting commitments and the development programme advise officers on the practicality of holding training sessions during the day.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None

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