

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005

### TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Report of the: Monitoring Officer

Status: For Information

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**This report supports the Key Aim of** promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct in local government through training and development

**Portfolio Holder** Cllr. Loney

**Head of Service** Head of Legal and Committee Services – Mrs. Christine Nuttall

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**Recommendation:** Members are requested to note this report.

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#### Background

- 1 On the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2004 the Council's Standards Committee approved proposals for training following the Adjudication Panel for England's Decision – Case Reference APE 0199.

#### Introduction

- 2 On the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2005 a training session was conducted for the Parish Councillors and on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2005 a similar training session took place for the District Councillors.
- 3 The training session on the 17<sup>th</sup> March was well attended but there was a disappointing turnout on the 18<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Future Proposals

- 4 A training session is to take place at Halstead Parish Council. The Monitoring Officer will be offering similar training sessions to other parish councils upon request.
- 5 Members will also be kept informed by regular news updates.
- 6 Training sessions can be given to all new Councillors.

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**Financial Implications**

- 7 Training sessions will be capable of being accommodated within the Council's existing training budget.

**Conclusions**

- 8 Training is essential to enable Members to acquire the key competencies to comply with the Model Code of Conduct.

**Sources of Information:** A Councillor's guide 2005/06 – I&DEA

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**Risk Assessment Statement**

Training and development is essential in order to achieve high standards of conduct in public life.