

North Tyneside Council Report to Standards Committee Date: 5 December 2013

ITEM 7

Title: Training Update

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Wards affected: All

1.1 Purpose:

To advise Members of Member training events recently organised.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

The Committee is requested to consider and note the report.

1.3 Information

Members will be aware from the Committee's Action Plan/Work Programme that training is an important feature of the Committee's duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the Elected Mayor, Councillors and Co-opted Members.

Under the Action Plan/Work Programme training in relation to the use of social media by members was a requirement/task to be delivered this year. In addition the Committee at its last meeting requested that training be delivered to assist Members deal with difficult and potentially confrontational situations.

Face to face sessions for the social media training and for dealing with difficult situations were arranged and advertised to Members, however both were subsequently cancelled. The training for dealing with difficult situations will be rescheduled early next year – it was postponed due to a clash with the budget setting meetings.

The social media training was however cancelled due to the lack of take up.

A social media on-line training package has also been developed and is available to all Members via the Learning Pool. To date only 1 Member has completed the course although a couple of Members have fed back that they were having difficulty accessing the course. As a result the look and feel of the Member Development Section in the Learning Pool has been re-organised to help with navigation. The module will be promoted again with Members.

The Committee are requested to note this report and may also wish to consider how to increase Members engagement on training arranged by the Committee.

1.3 Appendices:

None

1.5 Contact officers:

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1.6 Background information:

None

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