

Flintshire County Council 2017/18 Member Development Briefings following Induction

This programme of Member briefings builds on the Induction which took place in May – July. The emphasis now is providing specific skills and knowledge for the various roles which Members have, rather than the generic sessions offered during Induction. Where possible, use is being made of half hour sessions before Overview & scrutiny meetings.

Training for Planning committee Members is, by its nature, more highly specialised and so those sessions are two hour slots, with each topic being offered in two sessions. Some evenings have been included.

	Topic	Identified by	Focus	Dates	Other comments
1	Local Development Plan (LDP)	Members and Officers through PSG.	Current position on the LDP prior to release for consultation in 2017	20 th July, 6pm – 8pm 21 st July, 10am-12pm	Members of the Planning committee should attend 75% of the training arranged over a period of two years (now counted from 18 th May 2017) Holding one session of each during the evening being trialled.
2	Use of planning conditions and Legal agreements	Members and Officers through PSG.	An understanding of the use of planning conditions and legal agreements such as those made under section 106 is integral to the ability of Planning committee members to discharge the responsibilities of their role effectively.	Dates identified for Planning training at PSG on 29 th June are as follows, actual topics to be determined subsequently: 4 th September, 6pm 18 th September, 2pm 7 th December, 6pm 18 th December, 2pm 12 th March 10am 27 th March 2pm	See 1 above

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3	Role of planning enforcement	Members and Officers through PSG.	Role of planning enforcement following a review of the service and how it will be provided	See dates for 2 above	See 1 above
4	Delivery of affordable housing	Members and Officers through PSG.	An informed understanding of the use of planning conditions and legal agreements to deliver affordable housing within the county is integral to the ability of Planning committee members to discharge the responsibilities of their role effectively.	See dates for 2 above	See 1 above
5.	Treasury management	S 151 officer	Treasury management training is always offered to members of the Audit Committee and wider membership	Autumn	This is delivered by FCC officers and external speakers
6.	Introduction to Equalities and Welsh Language	Members and officers during stage 1 induction	Ensuring that all members have a good awareness of their role and responsibilities in promoting equalities and the Welsh language	Autumn	To be delivered by FCC officers
7.	Corporate Parenting	Members and officers during stage 1 induction and subsequently at S&HC O&SC	Ensuring that all members have a good awareness of their role and responsibilities as corporate parents	Autumn	To be delivered by FCC officers

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8.	Health & Safety	Officers during development of the First stage of induction	The 'safety first for Councillors' session in Phase 1 Induction touched on this: we need to ensure that all members have a good awareness of their role and responsibilities.	Autumn	To be delivered by FCC officers
9.	Corporate Safeguarding	Members and officers during stage 1 induction and subsequently at S&HC O&SC	Ensuring that all members have a good awareness of their role and responsibilities	Audit 22/11 C&E 15/11 CROSC 16/11 E&Y 21/12 OC27/11 S&H 16/11 Environment 17/04/18	Jane Davies and Jayne Belton to deliver half hour sessions
10.	How the Housing Revenue Account works	Officers	The HRA is 'ring-fenced'. New, and some returning members may not be aware that HRA needs to operate separately from General fund spending.		To be delivered by FCC officers: should be of particular interest to members of CRO&SC and C&E O&SC. Half hour session immediately prior to a committee meeting?
11.	Clwyd Pension Fund Committee	Officers prior to First stage induction	Ensuring that the Members of the Clwyd Pension fund committee have the necessary knowledge to make a meaningful contribution in their role.	Only one session delivered so far, on 19 th July further sessions required.	Pension specialists and FCC officers.
12	Wellbeing of	Officers prior to	Introduction to the WFB Act and its	Work shop 2pm -5pm on 8/2/18	Karen Armstrong

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	Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015	First Stage induction. Some members have subsequently asked for information	implications for FCC and the communities which we serve.	– the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act and FCC's response to it and its implementation will be the focus of a report to a special meeting of Council on 24 th April 2018.	
13	Rota Visits and Dementia training		Specifically for members of the Social & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and other members who are involved/want to become involved in rota visits.	12 th September 2pm- 4pm 19 th September 4.30pm,-6pm	Officers from social Services
14	Environment O&SC 'half hour sessions		Contaminated land programme Development session from the Food Safety Team. Greenfield Valley Museum Heritage Park visit and presentation. Fly tipping on Public & private Land	17 th October 12 th December 16 th January 2018 (meeting to be held in the School Room) 13 th March 2018	