

Committee: STANDARDS COMMITTEE	Date: 21 April 2009	Classification: UNRESTRICTED	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
Report Of: Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)		Title: Revised Code of Conduct for Members - Training Progress Report		
Originating Officer: Isabella Freeman		Wards Affected: All		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs Members of progress and the current position in relation to Member training on the Revised Code of Conduct.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider and note the content of this report

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (SECTION 97)
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

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3. PROGRESS AND CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 During December 2007 and June/July 2008 training was offered for all Members on the revised Code of Conduct adopted by full Council on 11 September 2007. A small number of Councillors and Independent/Co-Opted Members were unable to attend this training and an additional programme of individual and small group sessions was therefore arranged at the start of this year. This programme is now complete so that it is now possible to progress an Ethical Standards Self Assessment audit which is referred to elsewhere on the Committee's agenda.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 4.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising out of this report.

5. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)

- 5.1 This report has been prepared by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) who is also the Council's Monitoring Officer and incorporates legal comments.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The training programme referred to in this report is designed to ensure that all Members understand and comply with their responsibilities under the revised Code of Conduct for Members.

7. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The training measures outlined in this report are also important for ensuring that Members understand and comply with their responsibilities in relation to ethical governance which is key to maintaining effective community leadership and confidence in local democracy.

8. SAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This report has no immediate implications for the Council's policy of strategic action for a greener environment.