

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 7</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>MEMBERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME</b>	<b>REF:</b>
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## **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 Report to be noted.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 To provide Members with a draft programme of Training and Briefing sessions for Members and Parish Councils in the coming year.

## **3.0 Detail**

### **Background**

3.1 The issue of training for Elected Members was originally raised around IT use and the utilisation of iPads. This is being considered as part of a separate piece of work but still leaves the opportunity for this Committee to consider the wider opportunity for raising awareness and training for Council Elected Members and Parish Councillors.

3.2 Over the past 3 years a programme of Member/Parish Council briefings has been held which have aimed to raise the understanding of topics such as Planning, Enforcement, and Anti-Social Behaviour. The briefings tend to attract between 10 and 20 participants although one session on Public Health was cancelled due to a lack of numbers.

3.3 During the next year it is intended to complete a review of this programme and the wider engagement the Council has with residents and a consultation process will help determine the subject areas for these sessions.

3.4 In the meantime the draft programme for 2017/18 is attached as Annexe 1 and includes the Planning and Licensing training that is compulsory for Members who sit on those Committees.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 None.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 Supporting Elected Members in the knowledge and understanding of Council services and statutory duties is an important function.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 The briefings of Parish representatives have proven to be invaluable in helping Parish Councils understand and engage more effectively in the planning process.

#### **7.0 Conclusions**

7.1 The draft programme provides a number of training opportunities for the coming year.

#### **8.0 Background Papers**

8.1 None

Annexe No.1

**DRAFT MEMBERS AND PARISH TRAINING SESSION PROGRAMME 2017/18**

(Exact dates to be confirmed)

April	Dementia Awareness Training
May	Planning Training (SDDC ONLY)
May	Licensing Training (SDDC ONLY)
June	Finance Training (SDDC ONLY)
September	Planning – Question and Answer Forum
October	Neighbourhood Plans – Lessons Learnt
February	Anti-Social Behaviour and Environmental Crime