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Law and Public Services  
Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD

Report of : Director of Law & Public Services

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Standards Committee		6	

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## Subject: Training on Ethics and Standards

### 1. Synopsis

This report seeks approval to a series of training sessions for member on ethics and standards. These will act as follow up sessions to those run for Councillors induction in May 2002. They will cover the Code of Conduct and legislative framework and will be practical based using a number of scenarios for members to work through.

### 2. Recommendation

That the Committee agree to run a series of 2 hour training sessions on ethics and standards over an evening, daytime and weekend period, using the services of the Director of Law and Public Services, Head of Scrutiny and Democratic Services and the District Auditor.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Committee agreed to run a further series of training sessions for members following the Councillor induction which took place in May 2002.
- 3.2 All Members will have now had some eight months of working under the new democratic arrangements and the Code of Conduct for Members, so will be more familiar with some of the issues/problems for them.
- 3.3 It is suggested that 3 two hour sessions be run, covering evening, day and weekend. These sessions would cover the Code of Conduct and the legislative framework and be practical based, using scenarios where possible to illustrate points. The role of the Standards Committee will also be covered, together with any information that may be available from the Government on investigation of complaints by the Committee.
- 3.4 The sessions will be facilitated by the Director of Law and Public Services, Head of Scrutiny and Democratic Services and the District Auditor and will be based in the Town Hall.
- 3.5 Once dates are agreed, members will be asked to raise any particular issues/problems they have encountered with the Code of Conduct over the last eight months so that these could be covered in the training sessions.

### **4. Implications**

#### **4.1 Finance Implications**

There are no financial implications to running these sessions.

#### **4.2 Legal Implications**

Sessions like these will both help raise the profile of the Standards Committee and increase members knowledge and awareness of ethics and standards generally in line with section 54 of the Local Government Act 2000.

### **5. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation**

These sessions will help promote high standards of conduct amongst members and raise the profile of the Standards Committee and generally.

#### **Background papers:**

None.

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