
PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF PLANNING TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

1. INTRODUCTION

Over the past 6 years a series of short training sessions (or workshops) have been delivered for all elected Members with an aim to improve knowledge of the planning system on a wide range of issues. The training has usually taken place in the hour before the Planning, Protective Services and Licencing Committee (PPSLC), although workshops and site visits have also been organised.

In 2018/19 a number of training events were undertaken covering diverse topics including processing a planning application, simplified planning zones and minerals training.

This report seeks endorsement of the training programme from April 2019 to March 2020. The reports suggest a range of topics some of which have been carried over from the previous year and others which are new. Further suggestions on any additional topics would also be most welcome. With this in mind a slot has been left vacant in order to accommodate any additional training requirements identified through the course of the year.

It is intended to continue to deliver training by way of short sessions associated with the PPSL calendar of meetings. However, any topics which require more time could be delivered by separate half day sessions.

As before, it would not be intended to restrict the availability of training to the PPSL Committee membership, so there would be an open invitation to all Council Members to attend any of the sessions.

2. SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR 2019/20

Date	Committee day training	Half day workshop	Visit
April 2019	Oban Strategic Development Framework Kirsteen Macdonald		

May 2019	LDP Update Sybil Johnson		
June 2019	Planning Act – Development Policy		
August 2019	Planning Act – Development Management		
September 2019	Aquaculture SD		
October 2019	Use of Storybook and interactive consultation in the LDP Process Sybil Johnson		
November 2019	LDP – Placemaking – residential policies etc Mark Lodge		
December 2019	Low carbon technology and new development Mark Lodge		
January 2020	Delivery of affordable housing through SHIP and the LDP - Douglas White		
February 2020	To be advised by Members		
March 2020	Digital Planning		

3. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members:

- i) Agree to continuing an ongoing programme of planning related training for Members of the PPSL Committee, which should also be open to any other Members not currently involved in planning decision-making;
- ii) Endorse the initial subject areas for training and the provisional dates for delivery, on the understanding that the programme may be varied to take account of any additional training requirements Members may wish to identify, along with any other particular training needs identified by officers as a consequence of matters emerging during the course of the year.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1	Policy	Nil
3.2	Financial	It is considered that the level of training required can be delivered internally from existing resources without recourse to having to buy in training from external providers.
3.3	Personnel	Nil
3.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	Nil
3.5	Legal	Nil

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