
PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF PLANNING TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

1. INTRODUCTION

Over the past 7 years a series of short training sessions or occasionally workshops/site visits 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 Licensing Committee (PPSLC), although workshops and site visits have also been organised.

In 2019/20 a number of training events were undertaken covering diverse topics including Oban Strategic Development Fund, Competent Motions, the new Planning Act and aquaculture.

This report seeks endorsement of the training programme from April 2020 to March 2021. Further suggestions on any additional topics from Members 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. Below the table in this report there is also a list of reserve items which may be the subject of training events in the future.

It is intended to continue to deliver training by way of short sessions associated with the PPSL calendar of meetings. However, topics which require more time can be delivered by separate half day sessions. It should be noted that the timing of some of these will be dependent on the progression of the implementation phase of the new planning act.

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 2020/21

Date	Committee day training	Half day workshop	Visit
April 2020	Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon technology in the Historic Built Environment Kim de Buitel��ir		

May 2020	Material Considerations framing planning conditions Howard Young		
June 2020	SEPA role as a statutory consultee Need to confirm availability of SEPA		
August 2020	Placemaking key considerations and then site visit location to be confirmed		SITE VISIT
September 2020	Roads Role as a Statutory Consultee		
October 2020		Archaeology and Planning. Presented by WoSAS. Half Day	
November 2020	LDP2 Update		
December 2020	To be advised by Members		
January 2021	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Mark Lodge		
February 2021	Role of the Scottish Planning Improvement Coordinator and Planning Authority Performance - Peter Bain		
March 2021	Enforcement – Peter Bain		

Reserve items:

- Climate emergency as a material planning consideration
- Local Place Plans
- Regional Spatial Strategy
- Adapt Northern Heritage Programme – the implications of climate change for the historic built environment
- Short term let control areas
- Forestry Scotland presentation

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.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1	Policy	Nil
4.2	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.
4.3	Personnel	Nil
4.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	Nil
4.5	Legal	Nil

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