
PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF PLANNING TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

1. INTRODUCTION

Over the past 9 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 in the past workshops and site visits have also been organised. Due to the circumstances caused by the coronavirus pandemic the virtual training events were undertaken.

This report seeks endorsement of the training programme from October 2022 to June 2023. 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.

It is intended to continue to deliver training by way of virtual sessions associated with the PPSL calendar of meetings until such time as face to face gatherings are allowed.

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 2022/23

Date	Committee day training
October 2022	Processing planning applications – Howard Young
November 2022	SEPA Flooding – Aden McCorkell, SEPA

December 2022	National Planning Framework (NPF) 4 – Matt Mulderrig
January 2023	Enforcement – Peter Bain
February 2023	New regulations for the production of the Local Development Plan (LDP) – Sybil Johnson
March 2023	Core paths / access issues - Jolyon Gritten
April 2023	To be advised by Members
May 2023	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment - Mark Lodge / Kim de Buiteleir
June 2023	Framing competent motions – Peter Bain

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: None

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 Legal: None

4.4 HR : None

4.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:

4.5.1 Equalities Protected Characteristics: None

4.5.2 Socio-Economic Duty: None

4.5.3 Islands: None

4.6 Risk: None

4.7 Customer Service: None

4.8 Climate Change: None

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