
PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF PLANNING TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

1. INTRODUCTION

Over the past 10 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.

This report seeks endorsement of the training programme from August 2023 to June 2024. Further suggestions on any additional topics from Members would also be most welcome. With this in mind slots 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 the majority of the training by way of virtual sessions associated with the PPSL calendar of meetings unless workshops are proposed which would need to be on a separate date.

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

2. SUGGESTED PROGRAMME FOR 2023/24

Date	Training Proposed
August 2023	Local Review Body Training to be facilitated by Legal and Regulatory Services – Half Day Workshop
September 2023	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment - Mark Lodge / Kim de Buiteleir - Committee Day Training
October 2023	Enforcement – Peter Bain – Committee Day Training

November 2023	Biodiversity Net Gain – Marina Curran-Colthart - Committee Day Training
December 2023	Section 36 and 37 Consultation Procedures David Moore and Arlene Knox / ECU - Committee Day Training
January 2024	Housing Land Audit – Matt Watkiss - Committee Day Training
February 2024	NatureScot – Role in the Planning Process – Committee Day Training
March 2024	Historic Environment Scotland - Role in the Planning Process – Committee Day Training
April 2024	Framing competent motions – Peter Bain - Committee Day Training
May 2024	To be advised by Members
June 2024	To be advised by Members

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: None

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 Legal: None

3.4 HR : None

3.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:

3.5.1 Equalities Protected Characteristics: None

3.5.2 Socio-Economic Duty: None

3.5.3 Islands: None

3.6 Risk: None

3.7 Customer Service: None

3.8 Climate Change: None

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