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**PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF PLANNING TRAINING FOR MEMBERS**


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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Over the past 11 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 Licencing Committee (PPSLC), although in the past workshops and site visits have also been organised.

This report seeks endorsement of the training programme from April 2024 to March 2025. 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 2024/25**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Training Proposed</b>
April 2024	Competent Motions – Peter Bain (may require 1.5 hours)- <b>Committee Day Training</b>
May 2024	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment - Kim de Buiteleir - <b>Committee Day Training</b>
June 2024	Local Roads Development Guide tbc – <b>Committee Day Training</b>
August 2024	Aquaculture - <b>Half Day Workshop or full day with site visit</b>
September 2024	SEPA – Flooding tbc – <b>Committee Day Training</b>
October 2024	Forestry Forestry Land Scotland Role and Remit and Planning - <b>Committee Day Training</b>

November 2024	Natura Sites and Appropriate Assessments tbc - <b>Committee Day Training</b>
December 2024	Economic Dev team Audrey Martin CARS scheme current and upcoming projects tbc - <b>Committee Day Training</b>
January 2025	Enforcement – Peter Bain – <b>Committee Day Training</b>
February 2025	To be advised by Members
March 2025	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: none

3.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics: none

3.5.2 Socio-economic Duty: none

3.5.3 Islands: none

3.6 Climate Change: none

3.7 Risk: none

3.8 Customer Service: none

3.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC): none

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