

Committee: Planning Committee Working Group **Date:**
Title: Changes to Member Training Requirements 23 March 2023
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Summary

- 1. At the previous meeting of the [Planning Committee Working Group](#) (PCWG), members discussed the current wording contained in the council’s Constitution regarding Planning Committee training.
- 2. Particular attention was paid to the need to stipulate the mandatory nature of annual training for Committee members as this is a recommendation from the EELGA PEER Review of Planning and has been agreed as a recommendation to be implemented.
- 3. AT PCWG on 17 February Members discussed the exact wording proposed. Following further discussion and debate this item was deferred to allow for members of the PCWG to make comments.
- 4. Comments were received from Cllr Fairhurst and Cllr Loughlin. They are at Appendix 1
- 5. In order to respond to the concerns expressed by Cllrs about the wording it is has been revised and is at Appendix 2
- 6. Legal officer will be at the meeting to discuss any concerns

Financial Implications

- 7. Any proposed changes to the constitution to be facilitated within existing budgets.

Background

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	None
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None

Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

10.Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Inadequately trained committee members are more likely to make poor decisions.	3	3	To ensure the Constitution reflects the need for committee members to attend basic training on an annual basis.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.