



Rochford District  
Council

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>MONITORING OFFICER</b>

### REPORT SUMMARY

This report is seeking the appointment of the Standards Committee Working Group for the purpose of considering the Member training programme for 2024/25.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee agrees the membership of the Standards Committee Working Group for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### 1.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 On 12 December 2017 Council resolved that a Working Group of the Standards Committee be set up for the purpose of agreeing the content of the Member training programme going forwards. The Group should comprise of, as a minimum, the Chairman of the Standards Committee, three other cross-party Members and one of the Independent Persons, in an advisory capacity.

#### 2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Standards Committee has previously agreed different compositions for the Working Group, based on Members volunteering to participate. However, the Working Group has always adhered to the principle set out in paragraph 1.1 above, namely that the group should include the Chairman of the Standards Committee, an Independent Person and at least three other cross-party Members. In recent years the size of the Working Group has varied, depending on the number of Members volunteering to join the group.
- 2.2 Following the Annual Council meeting of 23 May 2023, there has been a significant change in the membership of the Standards Committee. It would

be appropriate, therefore, that Working Group membership for the current year be determined by the Committee at this meeting.

- 2.3 Council resolved in December 2017 that the Working Group should ‘agree the content of the Member Training programme for the 2018/19 Municipal Year and future years.’

### **3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 3.1 No other options have been considered as the recommendation is in line with a decision previously made by Council.

### **4.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 4.1 There are none.

### **5.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The proposed recommendation does not require consultation with stakeholders.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report other than those associated with travelling to any in person meetings.

### **5.0 LEGAL/GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are none as the recommendation is in line with a previous Council decision.

### **6.0 EQUALITY & HEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are none.

### **7.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are none.

### **8.0 ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 There are none.

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**APPENDICES**

None.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Standards Committee Council</b>	<b>June 2021 February 2020</b>