

**REPORT TO:** Standards Committee

**LEAD OFFICER:** Gary Williams, Monitoring Officer.

**REPORT BY:** Lisa Jones, Deputy Monitoring Officer

**DATE:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

**SUBJECT:** Training for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Town, City and Community Councils

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Members with an information report with details of proposed training for Chairs and Vice Chairs.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

Standards Committee members have emphasised the benefits of training Chairs and Vice Chairs, as part of the overall approach to raising the ethical standards amongst elected members. Good Charing skills will also contribute to effective and lawful decision making which clearly benefits local democracy.

This report provides members with details of the training that is to be delivered by external trainer Kim Bedford. A flyer has been prepared to advertise the event amongst all community councils and is attached as Appendix 1.

The proposed training is to take place as a half day event on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 from 1.30pm. All Clerks to the Town, City and Community Councils have been written to in order to confirm attendances. Due to the cost that will be incurred by the County Council there will be a charge levied to cover these costs of £35 per head. It is anticipated that demand will be quite high and the intention will be to limit the places to two per Council, namely the current or prospective Chairs and Vice Chairs.

## **3 RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 That Members note the contents of this report.