



Committee and date  
Standards Committee

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## OTHER ACTION

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## Summary

In the event that the Assessment Sub-Committee directs the Monitoring Officer to take "Other Action", he/she is required to report the outcome of that other action to the Committee.

The Assessment Sub-Committee of this Council directed the Monitoring Officer to take other action in the form of training for all members of Bridgnorth Town Council in relation to allegations they had received in relation to the Conduct of a Councillor for Bridgnorth Town Council. This was undertaken on 07 June 2010.

## Recommendations

- A. That the report on other action taken by the Monitoring Officer be noted.

## Report

1. Following receipt of an allegation that a member of a Council has failed to comply with that Authority's Code of Conduct, the Assessment Sub-Committee of the Principal Authority must consider how best to deal with the allegation.
2. One of the options available to the Sub-Committee is a direction to the Monitoring Officer to take "Other Action". This can be in the form of

additional training, mediation, conciliation or any other steps which might seem appropriate.

3. The Assessment Sub-Committee, on 16 March 2010, following consideration of a complaint that a member of Bridgnorth Town Council may have failed to comply with its code of conduct, directed the Monitoring Officer to provide training on the code of conduct for all members of the Town Council.
4. The Deputy Monitoring Officer of Shropshire Council delivered the training on 07 June 2010. Parish Councillors from Alveley & Romsley, Quatt Malvern, Claverly, Cound, Astley Abbots and Tasley Parish Councils were also in attendance
5. The training was received very well with twelve of the sixteen members of Bridgnorth Town Council in attendance. The Clerk was unavailable due to a period of maternity leave and the locum Clerk was absent.
6. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss examples which may have caused some concern. At the end of the session, the members indicated that they had found it very useful and that they felt that it had clarified some issues dealt with by the code.

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

Decision Notice

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

The contents of this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998

**Environmental Appraisal**

These proposals will have no significant impact on the environment

**Risk Management Appraisal**

Inadequate training provision may reduce the capacity of members to carry out their roles effectively

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

N/A

**Cabinet Member**

N/A

**Local Member**

Councillors Hurst-Knight, Lea, Parr and Winwood

**Appendices**

N/A