

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2024
title: TRAINING STANDARD ISSUED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE INSTITUTE OF LICENSING
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the publication of a training standard by the Local Government Association (“LGA”) and the Institute of Licensing (“IOL”).

1.2 Relevance to the Council’s ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives - } Consideration of these issues will promote the Council’s aim to be a well-managed Council, and reinforce and enhance the training already offered to Members of this Committee
- Corporate Priorities - }
- Other Considerations - }

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Licensing Committee has dual functions of formulating and applying policies on a wide range of licensable activities and regulating the conduct of such activities by determination of applications for licences where appropriate and resolving complaints about licensees when sitting in sub-committee. The second aspect is capable of being the subject of appeal, normally through the court system.

2.2 Members have already received training in relation to certain aspects of licensing, by officer presentation in Committee and by viewing videos of scenarios and mock hearings presented by Cornerstone Barristers. Members have also received copies of the Councillor handbooks issued by the LGA on the Licensing Act 2003, gambling regulation, and licensing of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The LGA and IOL have issued a training standard, which identifies basic training and additional opportunities for further development. A copy of the standard is annexed at Appendix 1.

3.2 Members are also encouraged to review the standard and to consider the materials to which reference is made. For example, in addition to primary and secondary legislation in respect of most fields of licensing, the Council has produced policies which provide clarity and guidance for members, applicants and those who wish to make representations in respect of licencing matters. Further and specifically, there is statutory guidance published under section 182 of the Licencing Act 2003, and best practice guidance in respect of taxi and private hire licensing (referred to elsewhere in this agenda).

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – N/A.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Consideration of this review of training will enhance Members' awareness of the training required for membership of this Committee.
- Political – N/A.
- Reputation – N/A.
- Equality & Diversity – N/A.

5 CONCLUSION

5.1 That Committee note this report, the training standard and supporting material.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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