



City of Westminster

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Date: 17 March 2010

Subject: Member Induction Plans – May/ June 2010

Summary

This report outlines the provisional plans for member induction following the City Council elections on May 6th 2010.

Recommendation

That the Standards Committee approve the proposals detailed in appendix A and appendix B of this report for the induction of Councillors generally and specifically in respect of the Members Code of Conduct.



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Committee Report

Item No:	
Date:	17 March 2010
Classification:	For General Release
Title of Report:	Member Induction Plans 2010
Report of:	Head of Member Services
Wards involved:	All
Policy context:	Supporting local democracy
Financial summary:	There are no financial implications rising from this report outside of that which is planned in the core budget.
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3. Background Information

- 3.1 The Member Services team is preparing an induction programme for new members following the City Council elections on 6 May 2010. This will help new members to prepare for their new role as a councillor and give a flavour of the work of the various council departments that they will be working with during their time as an elected member.
- 3.2 The approach that the Member Services team intends to take to delivering a successful member induction process is attached as appendix A. This approach has been developed in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Customer Service and Communities in view of the role members have in spending ward budgets, which are within his remit. A timetable for delivery of new councillor induction workshops can be found as appendix B.
- 3.3 Members of the Standards Committee are asked to consider whether the proposals outlined in appendix A and appendix B of this report will provide members with a sufficient understanding of their roles and responsibilities as outlined in the Members' code of conduct and the code of governance.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

<p>If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sam Mowbray, Head of Member Services on 0207 641 1864.</p>

Background Papers- Local Government Act 1972

None

Appendix A – Proposed approach to member induction

Appendix B - Proposed timeline for delivery of member induction proposals.