

<p><b>Title of Report: Item 13</b></p> <p><b>Capacity Building for members and proposed workshop for review of delegated scheme.</b></p>	<p><b>Officer Presenting: Head of Planning</b></p> <p><b>Author: Principal Planning Officer</b></p>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

- 1.1 To advise Members of the forthcoming Capacity Building Activities being arranged for the Planning Committee.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 Since the transfer of planning powers members have requested training and discussion on various aspects of the planning process. In recent months some complex planning issues have arisen at Planning Committee and LDP Workshops and senior team alongside our Lead Legal advisor recommend that Members would benefit from training on EIA/HRA issues and on the relationship of Strategic plans to the plan making/decision making process. Also, whilst considering the Review of the Planning Protocol and Delegated Scheme, it has been noted that the workshop discussion in April and outcomes focused on the Protocol only, and some Members more recently have asked for further consideration of the Delegated Scheme and therefore officials are suggesting the Planning Committee get an opportunity to review and focus on the Delegated Scheme.

## **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 Given the importance of these issues, Members are advised that a capacity building day will be set up in November. Members have also previously requested specific training on Renewable Energy and Minerals and the intention is that both will be arranged in forthcoming months.
- 3.2 Officials are proposing a workshop with members for training on EIA/HRA and Strategic planning issues as well as taking opportunity to review and discuss the Delegated Scheme.

## **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications**

- 4.1 Any resource implications for training required will be covered by existing training budgets within Council.

## **5 Recommendations**

Members are asked to consider the content of this report and the recommendation for Capacity Building/training and a Review of the Delegated Scheme.