

PROTOCOL A: MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING

A1.1	Where the council provides training for Members:	
	(a)	in relation to ethical standards in general or to the Council's Code of Conduct in particular;
	(b)	in relation to the determination of planning applications;
	(c)	in relation to the work of the Council as licensing authority;
	(d)	in any other matters where the Council designates the training as mandatory for the member to attend; or
	(e)	to enable them to comply with an instruction requiring them to undergo training pursuant to a decision of the Joint Standards Committee
	they must not fail to attend the training without reasonable excuse.	
A1.2	Where Members do not attend the training specified in sub-paragraphs A1.1(b) or (c) of this protocol they may not participate in the determination of planning applications or the business of the licensing authority (as the case may be) until such time as they have attended alternative training approved by the General Purposes Committee.	
A1.3	<p>Unless the General Purposes Committee grants a dispensation, where Members do not attend the training specified in sub-paragraph A1.1 (e) of this protocol they may not participate in any business of the council until such time as they have attended an alternative training approved by the General Purposes committee.</p> <p>A dispensation under this paragraph may relate to all of the Council's business or to such part of it as may be specified. In considering an application for a dispensation, the General Purposes committee shall have regard to the reasons why the requirement was initially imposed.</p>	
A1.4	The rules in respect of training set out above apply equally to those Members nominated to serve as substitute members.	