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EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

23 June 2020

Training for Committee Members Report by Democratic Services Officer

FOR DECISION

Cabinet Lead: Cllr Nick Drew

Key Decision: No

Report No: EHCL/014/2020

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 That the Overview & Scrutiny Committee consider training options to further enhance their role in their scrutiny function for the Council.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee note a suggested list of training options.

2.2 That the Committee makes suggestions for training content to allow the most appropriate training to be sourced and delivered.

3.0 Summary

3.1 The Committee was established in September 2019 and has received one training session delivered by Frontline Consulting Associates.

3.2 The feedback received was very positive, with members suggesting that further training be delivered in the coming year to further hone their skills.

3.3 Scrutiny training can be sourced from a number of providers including

- The Centre for Public Scrutiny
- Local Government Association;
- South Eastern Employers; and
- Private Companies

4.0 Implications

The delivery of regular training is desirable in order to maintain and enhance the skills of the committee. This will allow it to continue to deliver its statutory scrutiny function to the council in a professional and effective manner..

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4.1 Resources:

Democratic Services hold a budget of £10k for all Councillor training within the 2020/21 financial year. Any training must be balanced and proportionate to that budget.

4.2 Legal:

Scrutiny is a statutory function and to be effective the committee should be adequately trained to enable it to provide a robust 'critical friend' challenge to the executive.

4.3 Strategy:

n/a

4.4 Risks:

If the Committee does not have adequate training in its role it could be perceived to be ineffective in delivering its statutory function.

4.5 Communications:

n/a

4.6 For the Community:

n/a

4.7

5.0 Consultation

N/A

Appendices:

Appendix A – Training Options

Background Papers: *None*

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