

<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
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## RESPONSES REPORT

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *That the Standards Committee consider the information and recommend ways to promote the work of the Standards Committee.*

#### 1. CONTENTS OF REPORT

- 1.1 At its meeting on 4 November 2009, the Standards Committee agreed for a questionnaire to be sent to all Councillors to gain feedback on their overall views of the work of the Committee.
- 1.2 This report contains the results received so far from the questionnaire that was sent to all elected Members of Peterborough City Council.
- 1.3 I have provided a table of results at Appendix A and also some graphical representations of responses received at Appendix B.

#### 2. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 Out of 57 Councillors in Peterborough City Council, 18 responses were received. This relatively small response could result in the lack of any trends being seen in the overall responses given. Further to this, because under half of the Councillors responded, the results cannot reasonably be taken as indicative of the views of Members.
- 2.2 However, some trends have become clear from the responses received. Most notably were the differences in total scores for the answers to questions 1-4 compared with responses for questions 5-7 (see Appendix A and B). In particular, all Members who responded were aware that there was a Standards Committee (top score of 90) compared with very few who had received regular training on Standards issues over the last 5 years (scored 39 out of 90) – the higher the score the better the result.
- 2.3 Therefore, the committee might wish to consider increasing its engagement and training provision for Councillors to address this issue or consider whether previous training delivered had not been perceived as training but more as ongoing updates and information provision.

#### 4. APPENDICES

Appendix A: Table of results

Appendix B: Graphs showing average responses for each question and breakdown of answers for question 5 of the questionnaire.

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