

BILLING PARISH COUNCIL

Training Statement of Intent

1. Commitment to training.	This council is committed to training in order to ensure that staff, councillors and volunteers are able to operate appropriately and effectively for the benefit of the community. Training needs will be identified and sufficient resources will be allocated to provide the necessary training to meet the needs. Staff, councillors and volunteers are expected to share this commitment to training and will be expected to undertake training appropriate to their role.
2. Training Needs	<p>This council acknowledges that it is important to train staff, councillors and volunteers in order to operate in an efficient, effective and professional manner. Training will primarily focus on specific topics relevant to local government, but other relevant training that will improve service delivery will also be offered, e.g. training on a new piece of software. Training may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal training courses • Briefings and seminars • Local, regional and national conferences
3. Identifying Training Needs	<p>Training needs may be triggered in a number of ways; the list below is indicative, but not exhaustive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff appraisals (although staff may identify their own training needs at any time) • A change in working practices (as a result of, for example, a complaint, accident or new policy) • The introduction of new equipment • Changes in legislation • New councillors joining the council • New chairman of the council or committees • New volunteers joining the council
4. Resourcing Training	This council will make sufficient provision in its budget to ensure that staff, councillors and volunteers are suitably trained to carry out their functions and duties. There will also be sufficient funds set aside for appropriate technical literature and other publications.
5. Evidence of the benefit of trained staff and councillors	<p>The benefit of training will be evidenced through, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well chaired meetings • Professional and pertinent responses to planning applications • Well documented policies and reports • Well managed projects • Well managed finances • Well informed staff, councillors and volunteers • High professional conduct of staff, councillors and volunteers