

Report to: Hailsham Town Council

Date: 25th January 2012

By: Cllr Tony Williams

Title of report: Localism Act – Day of Training

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Council is recommended to:

Endorse the Day of Training to be held on the 24th February 2012 in conjunction with Sussex and Surrey Associations of Local Authorities (SALC)

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The cost to the council for the day's training is £750 excluding VAT plus refreshments. I understand there is sufficient funding remaining in the contingency fund to cover these costs.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 Agreement has been reached with the SALC to hold a one (1) day training course on the 24th February 2012.

2.3 The course will be held in the HTC Fleur-de-Lys Committee Room and will be attended by the following guest speakers:

2.4 "Director of SALC Trevor Leggo introducing the Localism Act and the certification under The Power of General Competency which comes into force on the 25th March 2012.

2.5 Mr Patrick Coffey, Planning Associate to SALC introducing Planning Procedures and the implications of the Localism Act upon them.

2.6 The timetable for the event is as follows:

09-30 – 12-30 Trevor Leggo
11.00 - 11-15 Coffee Break
12-30 – 13-30 Lunch
13-30 – 16-30 Patrick Coffey

2.7 The morning session is vital in that it will enable us to obtain the "Certification of Powers of General Competency" which will provide the Council with greater powers under the Act both in financial and development terms, which is essential in pursuit of our Business Development initiatives.

2.8 It is therefore necessary for all councillors to ensure their attendance.