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Dear Colleague,

Local Government for Sustainability

Please find enclosed the brochure programme of free one day courses for elected members on sustainability and its relevance to their work. The courses have been sponsored by the LGMB and are being hosted by a number of authorities, including Central Regional Council. This course will take place at Viewforth, Stirling on Thursday 7 September, starting at 9.45 am. The courses are being run by a team with an excellent track record in training work and promise to be very worthwhile events.

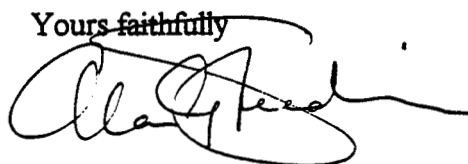
The courses are for elected members from any area of interest, not just environment or planning committees, and the training will not assume any particular prior knowledge or concern about sustainability issues. Members recently elected are also welcome.

I would appreciate if you could make this material available to the members of your authority and encourage them to contact me to make bookings. Advance bookings suggest that the courses will be oversubscribed, so the sooner those interested contact me the better their chance of attending.

The brochure also carries contact names and addresses for the other courses in the programme. Members are free to attend any of these courses; the venues were chosen simply to provide a good regional spread. There is also a likelihood that further events will be arranged; if there are members in your authority who would like to attend an event of this type but are unable to make the venues/dates listed then please let me know and I will pass the information on to the organisers.

Please feel free to duplicate this brochure and forward any anyone you feel would be interested. If you would like more information please contact me at the address shown above.

Yours faithfully



Alan Speedie
Environment Officer



FURTHER SUPPORT

In association with the courses, the LGMB have also supported the production of an in-house training pack for members. As well as covering some of the material from the courses, this pack - which can be used locally by authority training staff - includes a range of other enjoyable and informative exercises for councillors. For further information, please see below.

BOOKING FORM

Please return this form to the address given overleaf for the venue you wish to attend.

Preferred location/date

Second choice (if any)

Name of Authority

Name of participant 1:*

Name of participant 2:*

Name of participant 3:*

Special requirements (eg diet or access):

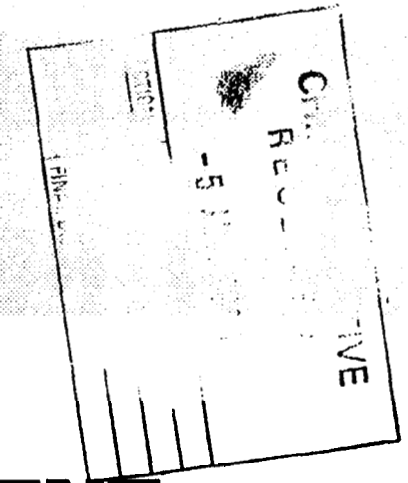
*Actual names are preferred, but provisional bookings will be taken without. Final names must be confirmed a week before the event date.

Name, address, telephone and fax number of authority contact

If joining instructions are to be sent direct to named participants, please supply personal addresses.

Please tick if you are interested in receiving further information about the In-House Training Pack for Members: (This can be completed even if you are not sending participants to courses)

NOTE: The courses are free. To ensure fairness and the widest possible take-up, a charge of £100 per place will be made if a participant fails to attend or complete the course. Completion and dispatch of this form is taken as acceptance of this condition.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR SUSTAINABILITY

A REGIONAL PROGRAMME
OF FREE ONE DAY COURSES FOR
ELECTED MEMBERS OF
LOCAL AUTHORITIES
1995

Sponsored by Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
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- Why should a local councillor care about sustainable development?
- What opportunities does the new environmental agenda offer members?
- How is local government in the UK leading the world in the strategic response to the environment and development crisis?

Though Agenda 21, one outcome of the Rio Summit, is only two years old, the policies and programmes it advocates are now at the heart of policy-making in many UK local authorities. This trend has major implications for the work of the local councillor, and for every committee of a local authority. Sustainable development demands a radical new approach in local government, and offers a new mandate and new life to local democracy. With a focus on joint working, partnership and involvement, the councillor is in a key position between authority and community.

The Local Government Management Board, on behalf of the Local Authority Associations, is now offering a series of free courses to elected members on the challenges and opportunities that occur when sustainable development meets local government. The courses will include coverage of the meaning of sustainable development in a local authority context around such themes as: In a context of International, European and National policy developments, coverage will include:

- The implications for strategic as well as day-to-day management
- A fresh look at the delivery of services
- The role of the member within and across committees, at ward level and as public 'ambassador'.
- The relationship between local and global environment and development issues.

The course will provide councillors with a challenging, informative and enjoyable introduction to sustainability, the new environmental agenda and the vital role they play in shaping the environment of tomorrow.

WHO FOR? The courses are appropriate for any local councillor with an interest in any aspect of environmental and sustainability issues; not just those on Environment or Planning Committees. The consortium, the LGMB and the local authority associations are particularly keen to attract new as well as established councillors. There are considerable benefits if two or more members attend from the same authority (see overleaf). The maximum number of places per authority will be three.

WHO BY? The courses have been developed by a consortium of well-known trainers with unrivalled experience in the delivery of advice and resources to local authorities in relation to their environmental programmes:

Julian Agyeman of Julian Agyeman Associates,
Jeff Bishop of BDOR Ltd
Roger Levett and Lesley Williams of CAG Consultants,
Ben Tuxworth of the University of Westminster.

WHEN AND WHERE? All events are hosted by local authorities as follows:

PLYMOUTH Tuesday 20th June.

Contact Jackie Young, Environmental development, Floor 6, Plymouth City Council, Civic Centre, Royal Parade, Plymouth PL1 2EW Tel. 01752 668000

WALSALL Wednesday 21st June.

Contact Claire Bridges, Engineering and Town Planning, Walsall MBC, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall WS1 1DG. Tel. 01922 652208.

READING Thursday 29th June.

Contact Kevin Hollier, Environmental Services, Reading Borough Council, Civic Centre, Reading RG1 7TD. Tel. 01734 390324.

BRADFORD Thursday 29th June.

Contact Dave Melling, Chief Executive's Department, Bradford City Council, City Hall, Bradford, BD1 1HJ. Tel. 01274 753924.

LIVERPOOL Tuesday 11th July.

Contact Catherine Haynes, Environmental Maintenance Services, Liverpool City Council, The Mansion House, Calderstones Park, Menlove Avenue, Liverpool L18 3JD. Tel. 0151 225 4857.

CAMBRIDGE Wednesday 26th July.

Contact Carmel Egan, Chief Executive's Department, Cambridge City Council, The Guildhall, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ. Tel. 01223 463 279.

STIRLING Thursday 7th September.

Contact Alan Speedie, Chief Executive's Department, Central Regional Council, Viewforth, Stirling FK8 2ET. Tel. 01786 443335.

Further events are planned for the near future.