# EAST HERTS COUNCIL

## LOCAL JOINT PANEL – 29 NOVEMBER 2017

# REPORT BY SECRETARY TO THE EMPLOYER'S SIDE

### TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY

WARD(S) AFFECTED: NONE

### Purpose/Summary of Report

 Members are invited to approve the revised Training and Development policy

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL JOINT PANEL:**

#### Human Resources Committee be advised that:

(A) Local Joint Panel supports the revised Training and Development Policy and recommends this for approval

### 1.0 <u>Background</u>

- 1.1 The Training and Development policy was last reviewed in October 2015. The council's programme of policy review is after three years or sooner in line with legislation and best practice.
- 1.2 The current suite of policies, are being reviewed by HR to reflect the following goals:
  - Modernise them
  - Clear guidance for managers and employees
  - Combine policies where they use the same processes
  - Clarity on responsibilities
  - Create e-forms
  - Review benefits attached to policies

#### 2.0 <u>Report</u>

- 2.1 The key changes to the policy are:
  - Professional Training policy has been combined and duplication removed.
  - The financial support for professional development has been changed to dual funding between the council and employee up to 50% to enable more employees to benefit from the development opportunity.
- 2.2 The revised Training and Development policy can be found at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.
- 3.0 Implications/Consultations
- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers None

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