

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

TRAINING POLICY

This training policy has been prepared in accordance with Section 67 of the 2021 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act and has been prepared based on the guidance issued by One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Councils.

The plan will be reviewed during the year following an election unless any issues arise i.e. when any changes of councillors or employees.

A full Training Record can be found on Maesteg Town Council website <https://maestegcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/12.2-CLLR-Training-record.pdf> this is a working document that is updated as Councillors complete training.

Training for Councillors will be arranged through One Voice Wales, Planning Aid Wales and if available with Bridgend County Borough Council as appropriate.

The training for the Clerk & Deputy Clerk will be arranged through the Society of Local Council Clerks, Bridgend County Borough Council and any other training provider as necessary.

Training for other members of staff will be sourced from any other training provider as deemed necessary.

Councillors to be invited to attend all OVW Training modules (a list and summary of these modules can be found on our website: <https://maestegcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/OVW-Members-Training-Plan.pdf>) as they seem necessary to fulfil their role as a Town Councillor.

It is advised that all members complete the following One Voice Wales modules:

- New Councillor Induction
- Module 6 - Local Government Finance
- Module 9 - Code of Conduct

In February 2024, Bridgend County Borough Council Monitoring Officer held Code of Conduct Training session for all Town and Community Councillors within the borough of Bridgend County, all Maesteg Town Council Councillors were invited to attend.

A training budget of £3,000 to be set aside yearly for members and staff to undertake training.

This policy was reviewed by the Policy committee on 18/06/2024

Policy Accepted and adopted by a Hybrid meeting of the Council held on 02/07/2024

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Mayor

Review Date: To be reviewed every 5 years unless any issues arise.