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Report

Subject	: Training for Members of the Audit Committee
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. At the last meeting it was agreed that the committee would consider any specific training needs once they had had the opportunity to consider the existing Member training material. Previously the committee has identified risk management as an area for training.
- 1.2. To maintain level 3 for risk management in the Use of Resources assessment it is a requirement that members with specific responsibility for risk management receive risk management awareness training. It is important therefore that the Audit Committee and the Cabinet are both offered training in risk management.

2 Proposals

- 2.1 It is proposed that existing training for staff on risk management is adapted for Members. This would be a training session lasting approximately 1.5 hours. The content would include:
 - Outline of the principles of risk management
 - Salisbury DC's policy and approach
 - Risk appetite
 - Review of existing risk registers and roles of the Audit Committee and Cabinet.

The training would be carried out by Diana Melville as a member of the Risk Management Group and David Crook would take the session on the council's risk appetite.

3 Recommendation

3.1 Members are asked to agree the proposal for risk management training and identify any other training requirements.

