

Member Development Group

At a meeting of the Member Development Group held on 22nd June 2017
at the Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes

Present: Councillors J. Bradshaw, C. Rowe, J. Stockton and M. Wharton.

Officers: K. Mackenzie and A. Scott.

Apologies for absence: Councillors J. Abbott, B. Gilligan, K. Wainwright, P. Wallace and G. Zygadlo.

MDG1	NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
	The notes of the last meeting held on 16 March 2017 were approved as a correct record.	
MDG2	REVIEW OF CURRENT PERFORMANCE AGAINST TARGETS	
	<p>LOD2 – Number of Members with a Member Action Plan (MAP)</p> <p>The Number of Members with a MAP to date since April 2017 was 55 of 56. Following the Liverpool City Region and Parliamentary Elections, the electronic MAP would be made available to all other Members to be returned to Kathryn.</p>	KM
	<p>LOD3 – Percentage of Members attending at least one organised training event in the current financial year.</p> <p>Since April 2017, 27% (15 of 56 Members) had attended at least one training and development event. The target was 100% for the year 2017-18.</p>	KM
MDG3	LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE	
	<p>Training Events:</p> <p>A training session had been arranged for Emergency Planning: Thursday 29 June at 5.30pm.</p> <p>A briefing on the Liverpool City Region had been arranged for Tuesday 18 July at 5.30pm (requested at the last Development Group meeting.)</p> <p>Appeals Panel training sessions would be arranged in July for Panel Members. There would be separate sessions for Housing Discretionary, Homelessness and Transport Appeals, and another session arranged for Employment Appeals in Halton.</p>	<p>KM/ MC</p> <p>KM/IL</p> <p>KM/ various</p>

	<p>North West Charter for Elected Member Development: Review of Level 1</p> <p>The Group discussed the Level 1 Review by North West Employers. Halton was due to be reviewed in 2017/18. The group considered the requirements of the Charter over the next few months.</p> <p>The Development Strategy currently in place was considered by the Group. It was suggested that the introduction for Members be updated, together with the more streamlined MAP form.</p> <p>The Group agreed that once updated, the Strategy be circulated to all Members by the Chairman of the Group. The Chief Executive and Leader be asked to re-affirm their commitment to the Charter in 2017, that had previously been given in 2000 and then again in 2011.</p> <p>E-LEARNING DROP IN SESSION</p> <p>Alison Scott would liaise with Kathryn and would re-advertise a date for Members. Members requested an e-mail reminder of how to log in to the E-learning system and also a link to corporate areas of learning.</p> <p>CORPORATE TRAINING CALENDER</p> <p>Alison Scott would let Kathryn have appropriate courses that could also be offered to Members.</p> <p>NORTH WEST EMPLOYERS: 21ST CENTURY COUNCILLOR</p> <p>North West Employers had contacted all North West Local Authorities to inform them of a new initiative: The 21st Century Councillor. North West Employers and Birmingham University were keen to field-test some practical tools to support councillors and explore how their research finding can be used by councils.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Group would attend an initial briefing for officers and councillors on 31 July 2017 at 2pm at North West Employers, Exchange Quay Salford to consider some small scale experiments to evaluate different approaches to present the learning at a national conference in September.</p>	<p>RP/DP</p> <p>AS</p> <p>AS</p> <p>KM/JS</p> <p>JS</p>
MDG 4	ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MEMBER SUPPORT ISSUES	
	No other issues to report.	
MDG 5	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
	RESOLVED: The next meeting be held in October 2017 at 4pm – date to be confirmed.	KM
	The meeting closed at 4.22pm	