

## Member Development Group

At a meeting of the Member Development Group held on 26th September 2019  
at the Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes

**Present:** Councillors J. Stockton (Chairman), R. Gilligan, M. Wharton and G. Zygadlo.

**Officers:** K. Mackenzie and Alison Scott.

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors J. Abbott, J. Bradshaw, C. Rowe, K. Wainwright and P. Wallace

MDG1	NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
	The notes of the last meeting held on 21 March 2019 were approved as a correct record.	
MDG2	REVIEW OF CURRENT PERFORMANCE AGAINST TARGETS	
	<p><b>LOD2 – Number of Members with a Member Action Plan (MAP)</b></p> <p>The Number of Members with a MAP to date since April 2019 was 55 of 56, which remained unchanged. New MAPs would be sent to Members at the beginning of 2020 for completion.</p>	KM
	<p><b>LOD3 – Percentage of Members attending at least one organised training event in the current financial year.</b></p> <p>Since April 2019, 89% (50 of 56 Members) had attended at least one training and development event. The target was 100% for the year 2019-2020.</p>	
MDG3	LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE	
	<p>Briefing Sessions had been provided for Members:</p> <p><b>17 June</b> – Emergency Planning Refresher Briefing</p> <p><b>9 July</b> – Welfare Benefits Seminar</p> <p><b>4 September</b> – Health Seminar</p> <p><b>A Local Government Finance Seminar</b> would be arranged for late 2019/ 2020.</p> <p>One officer had volunteered to be a <b>new Member Mentor</b> for the 2020 elections. Any further officer or Member volunteers would be welcomed. On-line training was available that could be completed at the users convenience.</p> <p><b>The 2020 New Member Induction Programme</b> had been booked, and would be arranged in January 2020.</p>	KM/ SB  RR  KM

	<p><b>Mindfulness</b> was a new offer for elected Members. It was suggested that at the next meeting, a short introductory session be held for Members at the end of the meeting as a 30 minute taster session. The same offer had recently been offered to officers and had been well received. Members would be asked for their own feedback following the session.</p> <p>Alison would also e-mail members of the group a range of mobile apps that also offered mindfulness, such as</p> <p><a href="http://www.headspace.com/headspace-meditation-app">www.headspace.com/headspace-meditation-app</a>  <a href="http://www.calm.com">www.calm.com</a>  <a href="http://www.smilingmind.com.au">www.smilingmind.com.au</a></p> <p>Members were reminded of the on-line offer that was available to all staff and Members, which included around 120 courses. There were other health and wellbeing related courses on offer via the portal, such as stress and time management. The portal could be accessed via the Intranet – Members courses.</p>	AS
<b>MDG 4</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MEMBER SUPPORT ISSUES</b>	
	No other issues to report.	
<b>MDG 5</b>	<b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b>	
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The next meeting to be held on 30 January 2020 at 5.30pm in the Willow Room.	
	The meeting closed at 6pm	