

Member Development Group

*At a meeting of the Member Development Group held on 26th March 2015
at the Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes*

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

Officers: K Mackenzie, and A Miller.

Apologies for absence: Councillors J. Bradshaw, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, M. Ratcliffe, Wainwright, Wallace and Wright.

MDG13	NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
	The notes of the last meeting held on 15 January 2015 were approved as a correct record.	
MDG14	REVIEW OF CURRENT PERFORMANCE AGAINST TARGETS	
	LOD2 – Number of Members with a Member Action Plan (MAP.)	
	The Number of Members with a MAP to date since April 2014 remained unchanged at 54 of 56. MAPs would be arranged with Members following the local election in May.	KM
	LOD3 – Percentage of Members attending at least one organised training event in the current financial year.	
	Since April 2014, 98% of Members had attended at least one organised training event (55 of 56 Members.) The target was 100% for the year 2014-15.	KM
MDG15	LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE	
	Members were informed that a Mentoring Workshop would be arranged to be held before the local election in May.	KM
	The Local Government Finance Workshop would also be rearranged for after the election in May.	KM
	The Induction Programme for new Members would be held for any newly elected Members to the Council, to be held in the week following the local election on 12 and 13 May. A Tour of the Borough, and a Mock Council workshop would also be arranged for new Members who required it.	KM
	The Chairman of the Group and Kathryn had attended a North West Employers Member Development Network on 24 February at North West Employers in Manchester. Part of the discussion at the meeting was supporting the Digital Champions' role of elected Members, and how this should be progressed locally. The Group recognised that this was a key issue for the future and the way in which the public would be engaged. This issue was being addressed corporately by the Executive Board.	

MDG16	<p>MEMBERS' IT UPDATE</p> <p>Alan Miller informed Members of the group that most of the IT terminals in the Members' rooms in Widnes and Runcorn had been upgraded to a Windows 7 desktop. Alan also explained that he would shortly be leaving the Authority as he had been successful at securing a promotion with another company.</p> <p>Members of the Group present congratulated Alan and thanked him for the amount of time he had spent with Members' assisting them with all aspects of IT over the last few years.</p> <p>Members asked Alan if his replacement would be based in the Municipal Building. Alan replied that this was unlikely as the role was shared with other HBC bases.</p>	JG
MDG 17	ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MEMBER SUPPORT ISSUES	
	No other issues to report.	
MDG 18	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
	<p>RESOLVED: The next meeting will be held at 4.30pm in the Willow Room, 1st Floor, Municipal Building Widnes on Thursday 25 June. The Group will then meet in September, January and March 2016 (dates and times to be arranged.)</p>	KM /JS
	The meeting closed at 5.00pm	