

Member Development Group

*At a meeting of the Member Development Group held on the 11th December 2012
at the Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes*

Present: Councillors Stockton (Chairman), John Bradshaw and Ratcliffe.

Officers: M Carruthers, S Connor and K Mackenzie.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Gilligan, Horabin, Nolan, C Plumpton Walsh, N Plumpton Walsh, Wainwright, Wallace, Wharton and Wright.

MDG6 NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The notes of the last meeting held on 19 June 2012 were approved as a correct record. The Group noted that the September meeting was cancelled due to the PCC Election.

MDG7 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 the election in May 2012 was 75%. Of the nine new Members who had been elected, 4 MAPs had been held, 4 had yet to be arranged and 1 new Member had declined a meeting.

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LOD3 - Percentage of Members attending at least one organised training event in the current financial year.

Since April 1st 2012, 92% (51) Members had attended at least one organised training event. The target for the year was 100% attendance.

Members were e-mailed by Kathryn on a regular basis to remind them of both internal and external courses as they arose.

Training was also arranged on an ad hoc basis depending on requests made by Members at their individual MAPs.

Some Members has also attended external training events where they have demonstrated a need to attend, and the benefit to themselves and the authority in their attendance.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

MDG8 LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

NWEO CHARTER LEVEL 1 REVIEW

Kathryn informed the Group that Halton had been reviewed for the North West Charter for Elected Member Development. Halton were one of the first authorities in the North West region to be awarded Charter Status in 2001. The Charter was reviewed by NWE0 every three years to ensure that an authority was still reaching the required standards for the development of their elected Members.

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Kathryn attended the Charter Celebration Event on 26 October 2012 at The Lowry, Salford Quays, Manchester where we were presented with our certificate for the next three years.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS 2013

Awards would be presented to Members on 6 February 2013, before the Council Meeting. Nine Members would be presented with certificates from the ILM – Institute of Leadership and Management. The ILM endorsed the Programme in Halton. Members who had achieved 25 hours of learning from the Programme would receive their ILM Awards.

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MDG9 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2012 – 2013

MODULE UPDATE

Members considered the range of workshops on offer, and noted that a Media Skills workshop would be offered to Executive Board Members, before being offered to all other Members.

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MDG10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Member asked if the Ipads that had been issued would be able to be used at Parish Council meetings. The issue would be passed to Alan Miller who was managing the use of Ipads by Members.

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MDG11 DATE & TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

The next meeting to be held on at 5.30pm in the Boardroom on 21 March 2013.

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The meeting closed at 6.10 pm