

Member Development Group

*At a meeting of the Member Development Group held on 25th June 2015
at the Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes*

Present: Councillors J. Stockton (Chairman), J. Bradshaw, Wharton and Zygadlo.

Officers: K Mackenzie, A Kelly (for J Greenough) and Alison Scott.

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

MDG1	NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
	The notes of the last meeting held on 26 March 2015 were approved as a correct record.	
MDG2	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 2015 remained unchanged at 54 of 56. MAPs had been arranged with some Members following the local election in May who had responded to an invitation to attend.	KM
	LOD3 – Percentage of Members attending at least one organised training event in the current financial year. Since April 2015, 34% of Members had attended at least one organised training event (19 of 56 Members.) The target was 100% for the year 2015-16.	KM
MDG3	LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE	
	Members were informed that following the local election held in May, an Induction Programme had been held for the newly elected Councillor over two days. A Local Government Finance Workshop would be rearranged for after the election in May. A tour of four sites in the Borough would also be arranged, to include the Mersey Gateway Visitor Centre, the Brindley, the Stadium and the Kingsway Centre. Members were encouraged to complete the various on-line courses that were on offer to them, accessible via the Intranet Home Page through Learning Pool. Some Members had already completed several of the courses on offer and their feedback had been positive. Councillor John Stockton had attended a meeting of the North West Member Development Network with Kathryn in St Helens. Items on the agenda for discussion were Community Champions, future development needs, supporting the Digital Champions Role (Learn My Way UK On-Line Centres,) the Scrutiny function going forward and succession planning. Other issues discussed were the Code of Conduct, paperless meetings and the 21st Century Public Servant.	KM

	Councillor Stockton would provide the network with information regarding the savings made in Halton by the switch to paperless meetings through the use of I-pads.	
MDG4	MEMBERS' IT UPDATE Alison Kelly attended in the absence of Jonathan Greenough, and updated Members on the current IT position. Members' I-phones would be upgraded as necessary which would include finger print recognition rather than a password.	JG
MDG 5	ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MEMBER SUPPORT ISSUES No other issues to report.	
MDG 6	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING RESOLVED: The next meeting will be held at 4.30pm in the Willow Room, 1st Floor, Municipal Building Widnes on Thursday 24 September. The Group will then meet on 21 January and 31 March 2016	KM /JS
	The meeting closed at 5pm	