

Member Development Group

At a meeting of the Member Development Group held on 23rd November 2017
at the Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes

Present: Councillors B. Gilligan, C. Rowe, J. Stockton, M. Wharton and G. Zygadlo.

Officers: K. Mackenzie.

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

Officers: Alison Scott.

MDG6	NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
	The notes of the last meeting held on 22 June 2017 were approved as a correct record.	
MDG7	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.</p> <p>A number of Members had received their MAP for completion. These should be returned direct to Kathryn in order that they can be linked to the development programme.</p>	KM
	<p>LOD3 – Percentage of Members attending at least one organised training event in the current financial year.</p> <p>Since April 2017, 71% (40 of 56 Members) had attended at least one training and development event. The target was 100% for the year 2017-18.</p>	KM
MDG8	LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE	
	<p>Training Events:</p> <p>Local Government Finance: had been arranged for Tuesday 14 November – all Members were invited to attend.</p> <p>Conflict and Stress Management: had been arranged for Monday 11 December and Thursday 14 December respectively.</p> <p>Mentoring Update: would be arranged prior to local election in May 2018 should this be necessary.</p> <p>NORTH WEST EMPLOYERS: 21ST CENTURY COUNCILLOR</p> <p>North West Employers had contacted all North West Local Authorities to</p>	

	<p>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 had attended 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>360 degree feedback for Members was one option to be considered. The Chairman would contact members seeking volunteers in due course.</p>	
MDG 9	ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MEMBER SUPPORT ISSUES	
	No other issues to report.	
MDG 10	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
	RESOLVED: The next meeting to be held in March 2018 at 4pm – date to be confirmed.	KM
	The meeting closed at 4.25pm	