

Member Development Group

At a meeting of the Member Development Group held on Thursday 10th February 2022
held remotely via Microsoft TEAMS

Present: Councillors J. Bradshaw, B. Gilligan, T. McDermott, M. Ratcliffe, J. Stockton, A. Teeling and D. Thompson.

Officers: K. Mackenzie.

Apologies for absence: Councillors V.Begg, I. Bramwell, T. Stretch and P. Wallace.

Officer: A. Scott.

MDG 12	NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
	<p>The notes of the last meeting held on 14 October 2021 were approved as a correct record.</p> <p>Members noted under MDG 10 – a document would be shared with the Group setting out the legal and constitutional aspects of access to Part II Items. All requests for access to information should be made direct to the Chief Executive. The Deputy Leader, as a member of the Group would forward comments made to the Leader and Chief Executive.</p>	
MDG 13	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 the election of May 2021 was 54.</p> <p>LOD3 – Percentage of Members attending at least one organised training event in the current financial year.</p> <p>Since April 2021, 94% of Members had attended at least one training and development event. The target was 100% for the year 2021-2022. The Group noted that the blended learning approach on offer was very successful with take up of courses. Members of the group agreed that this approach should continue in the future with the use of TEAMS technology to facilitate training where appropriate.</p>	
MDG 14	LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE	
	<p>A member of the Group had attended a North West Employers (NEW) Community Leadership Event on 1 February 2022. This set out what NWE had to offer new and experienced Members. Their website included all offers and Members would be emailed direct from NWE with information.</p>	

	<p>New Member Induction Programme – 2 days – This had been arranged for Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May following the election in the Boardroom. The Induction information would be given to candidates in their letter from the Elections Manager.</p> <p>Mentoring Programme – an eLearning module was available to any members or senior officers wishing to be included. Members of the Group who were mentors added how rewarding an experience it was.</p> <p>ELearning update – there were new modules on offer – any Members needing additional information or support should contact Alison Scott in Corporate Training, or contact training reception via the following link - Trainrec.Trainrec@halton.gov.uk</p> <p>Members noted the offer was comprehensive and convenient to complete, as courses could be paused and finished when convenient.</p> <p>Members had attended courses attended since last meeting:</p> <p>1 December – New Member Induction – 1 day in person. Members added that meeting other new Members and Officers in person during the Induction Programme made it so beneficial.</p> <p>6 December, 16 December, 11 January - Personal Safety offer to all Members via TEAMS. The sessions had been well attended, and the presentation made had been emailed to all Members for information. Should Members have any queries they should contact the Health and Safety Team.</p> <p>Members added that some additional training around Development Management would be beneficial. A member of the group added that the training sessions held before a meeting were open to all Members, should anyone wish to join.</p>	
MDG 15	ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MEMBER SUPPORT ISSUES	
	<p>Members of the group thanked the Chairman, Councillor John Stockton for all his input into Member Training and Development over the last decade, as it would be the last meeting of the Group that he would attend.</p>	
MDG 16	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
	<p>RESOLVED: The next meeting to be held in June 2022 at a date to be arranged to be held remotely via TEAMS.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 6.10pm</p>	