

CONSTITUTION & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday 26 th April 2018
Report Subject	Member Development Update
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Corporate Management & Assets
Report Author	Democratic Services Manager
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following last year's elections, our Induction Programme was designed to provide new and returning Members with essential knowledge to function effectively as a councillor. At the last meeting of this committee, a progress report on the Member Development events which had been organised subsequently was submitted.

It is the intention to provide a similar update to each meeting of this committee.

In addition, if Members have any suggestions for future Member Development, they are invited to contact the Democratic Services Manager to discuss them.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Committee notes the progress with Member Development events since the last report.
2	That if Members have any suggestions for future Member Development, they are invited to contact the Democratic Services Manager to discuss them.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING OUR APPROACH TO MEMBER DEVELOPMENT
1.01	Following last year's elections, we had an Induction Programme. At the last meeting of the committee, a progress report on the Member Development events which had been organised subsequently was submitted. It is the intention to provide a similar update to each meeting of this committee.
1.02	<p>Since the last meeting in January, the following have been held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well-being of Future Generations Act Workshop 8th February• Health & Safety for Councillors 15th March• Planning Inspectorate Training 9th April• Review of the Council's subsidies for Public Transport workshop 11th April• Information Sharing Principles workshop 16th April• Income Generation workshop 18th April. <p>Forthcoming workshops are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Plan Tuesday, 29th May 2pm to 5pm, A&D Room.• General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) briefing to be organised for June.• Performance monitoring workshop for all Members to be organised for July.
1.03	The sessions which have been put on have been in response to Member request or because the officers had identified areas where Members needed to be provided with information. If anyone has any specific requests for development, we can look to address these.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There is a small training budget which can be accessed if necessary: most development sessions are provided using the Council's own officers.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	None

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	The provision of information through workshops and briefings contributes to effective risk management.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Reports of the Democratic Services Manager on the Induction Process to the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee at the 25th October 2017 and 31st January 2018 meetings and associated minutes.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Robert Robins, Democratic Services Manager Telephone: 01352 702320 E-mail: robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	None of the terms used require definition.