

CONSTITUTION & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday 21 st June 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 Councillors. At previous meetings 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 previous meetings 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 on 26th April, we have held the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 22nd May 6pm – 8pm Second All Member Workshop - Countrywide Review of FCC Subsidies for Public Transport (9 attendees) • Tuesday, 29th May 2pm -5pm Council Plan and Target Setting Workshop (35 attendees) • Tuesday, 12th June 2pm- 5pm North Wales Economic Growth Vision and Strategy and the Growth Bid Deal Workshop (18) attendees) • Tuesday, 12th June 5.30 -7.00 Role of the Planning Inspectorate in relation to appeals and the production of the Local Development Plan. (Second session, for those unable to attend the 9th April session) (5 attendees)
1.03	<p>We have organised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 10th July 2pm- 5pm Understanding Performance Monitoring workshop • Friday, 13th July 10.30 am- 1pm First Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget 2019/20 workshop • Thursday, 19th July 10am - 12pm General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) briefing • Monday, 23rd July 2pm -5pm Second Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget 2019/20 workshop • Tuesday, 18th September 2pm -5pm Third Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget 2019/20 workshop.
1.04	<p>Members at a meeting of Social & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee have asked that training on Domestic Violence Awareness be made available to Councillors. The Welsh Government had required all staff to undertake an e - learning package. This is being adapted to be made available to Members and will be available soon.</p>
1.05	<p>At the previous meeting of the committee, Cllr Christine Jones, Cabinet Member for Social Services suggested that a Corporate Parenting workshop would be worthwhile. This is being arranged to take place in September and will also include a presentation on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) awareness.</p>
1.06	<p>Members are also reminded that in addition to the Welsh language training offered through Coleg Cambria, they are welcome to participate in the staff lunchtime Welsh Conversation Group, which meets on Wednesdays.</p>

1.07	There are two new members on the Audit Committee. They have both received the appropriate training at sessions held on 16 th & 24 th May.
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2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
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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.
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3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
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4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
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4.01	The provision of information through workshops and briefings contributes to effective risk management.
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5.00	APPENDICES
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6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
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6.01	<p>Reports of the Democratic Services Manager on the Induction Process and Member Development to the Constitution & Democratic Services Committee at the 25th October 2017, 31st January 2018 and 26th April meetings and associated minutes.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Robert Robins, Democratic Services Manager Telephone: 01352 702320 E-mail: robert.robins@flintshire.gov.</p>
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7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
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7.01	None
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