

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2013

REPORT BY: DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE MANAGER

SUBJECT: MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To update the Member Development Strategy.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 As part of the Welsh Local Government Association's Charter for Member Support and Development the Council had to adopt a Member Development Strategy. That Strategy was last updated in October 2010.

2.02 At its meeting on 13 November the Council considered a report on the review on Internal Member Fora including the Member Development Working Group. That report explained that as a result of the requirement under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 to form a Democratic Services Committee there was no longer a need for a Member Development Working Group. This recommendation was agreed by the Council as the role of the Democratic Services Committee includes the work previously undertaken by the Member Development Working Group.

2.03 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 requires that all Members of the County Council (with the exception of the Council Leader) have the opportunity of an annual review of their training and development needs. This goes beyond the previous requirement of the Charter which only required this for those members in receipt of a special responsibility allowance.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The Council's Member Development Strategy should be kept under review and in view of paragraph 2.02 above the Democratic Services Committee now has the responsibility for this.

3.02 Attached as Appendix 1 to this report is a copy of the Member Development Strategy with tracked changes showing updates to it that should be made as a result of paragraphs 2.02 and 2.03 above.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 The Committee is recommended to review the Member Development Strategy and endorse the updating changes shown in Appendix 1 and any other changes the Committee wishes to make.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None as a result of this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None as a result of this report.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None as a result of this report.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 – Member Development Strategy

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

WLGA Charter for Member Support & Development

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