

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 2014**

REPORT BY: **DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE MANAGER**

SUBJECT: **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**
 FOR 2014/15

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 For the committee to agree the Member development programme for 2014/15.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 For each Council year a Member development programme is agreed. Attached as Appendix 1 is the programme for 2013/14. The only topic not delivered was that relating to Equalities and Welsh language due to the pending publication of new Welsh language standards following which this training will be arranged.

2.02 Political Group Leaders and all Members have been consulted to give the opportunity of raising possible topics for inclusion in this year's programme. That has led to the following being identified:-

1. Planning training for non committee members.
2. More on finance.
3. Contact officers and management structures
4. Value for money
5. Use of iPads
6. Use of Facebook, Twitter and other forms of electronic communication.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The Council is in the process of rolling out iPads to all Members which will include training on their use.

3.02 Attached as Appendix 2 is a draft Member development programme for 2014/15 for consideration by the committee.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 For the committee to determine the Member development programme for 2014/15.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 The budget for Member training is £21,122.

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 With Members and Group Leaders.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 With Members and Group Leaders.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 - Member development programme 2013/14
Appendix 2 - Member development programme 2014/15

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

None

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