

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2014**

REPORT BY: **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

SUBJECT: **NATIONAL MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
2014-17**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To enable the Members of the Democratic Services Committee to comment on the Welsh Local Government Association National Member Development Strategy for 2014 -17

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 Members will be aware that since it's inception in 2012, the Committee has had responsibility for Member development, having taken on the role of the former Member Development Working Group in leading on Member development issues.

2.01 The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) has worked extensively with Flintshire, the other 21 councils, the Fire & Rescue Authorities and the National Park authorities to provide comprehensive Member development opportunities over the last fourteen years. To ensure that what they offer is as focussed on both organisational and individual member need as possible, the WLGA consult periodically on what they are offering. Thus, this report enables Members to comment on and contribute to the emerging strategy.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The WLGA draft Member Development Strategy for 2014 -17 is attached as Appendix 1. Appendix 2 is the WLGA first draft of their Continuing Professional Development for Councillors competency framework.

3.02 The WLGA have asked that Authorities bring these documents to the attention of their respective Democratic Services Committees, because the feedback from those for whom the development opportunities are intended is vital to ensure that it retains its appropriate focus.

3.03 Therefore Members are invited to consider the attached documents and make comments which can then be fed back to the WLGA.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That the Committee have regard to the draft National Member Development Strategy for 2014 – 17 and the first draft of the Continuing Professional Development for Councillors competency framework and comment on their suitability, making suggested additions where considered appropriate.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 WLGA training is covered by the Council's subscription to that body.

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 As an element of the training deals with 'Equalities and Respect in the Council', this should heighten awareness of this issue.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None as a result of this report

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 Publication of this report constitutes consultation

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None

12.00 APPENDICES

1. National Member Development Strategy 2014 – 17
2. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Contact Officer: Robert Robins
Telephone: 01352 702320
Email: Robert.robins@flintshire.gov.uk