TO: COUNCIL 30 APRIL 2014

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14 Director of Corporate Services –Democratic and Registration Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The attached Annual Report appraises all Members of the work and progress on Member Development during the year 2013-14. The report informs Members of activities and their outcomes and outlines proposed future activities.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 That the Member Development Annual Report 2013 - 14 be noted.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 As part of the previous Member Development Strategy the Council committed to considering annual reports on Member Learning and Development progress.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 None

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 The Member Development Charter Steering Group has been focused upon rolling out the 360 degree feedback programme to all Councillors.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Borough Treasurer

6.2 The costs associated with the Member Development work detailed in the Annual Report 2013/14 have been contained within the existing budgets for approved conferences (£10,220) and Member training (£12,660).

Equalities Impact Assessment

6.3 The Member Development Strategy and the Charter framework have an inclusive approach embedded within them.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 Councillors have a pivotal role in taking forward the Council's objectives, therefore effective Member development is essential to ensure that councillors enhance their knowledge, capabilities, networks and experiences and learn new skills. Without it there is a risk that the Council will not be as well placed to deliver its objectives.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 Member Development Charter Steering Group.

Method of Consultation

7.2 Meetings and emails.

Representations Received

7.3 All representations have been incorporated within the final documents.

Background Papers

Minutes and papers for meetings of the Member Development Charter Steering Group Member Development Strategy 2011-2015

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