

TO: COUNCIL
29 APRIL 2015

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15
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 2014-15. The report informs Members of activities and their outcomes and outlines proposed future activities.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Member Development Annual Report 2014 - 15 be noted.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 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 preparation for reaccreditation of the Charter Plus standard and consideration of results from the Members' Survey.

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 2014/15 have been contained within the existing budgets for approved conferences (£8,490) and Member training (£6,690).

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 The Member Development Strategy and the Charter framework have an inclusive approach embedded within them. Training in Equalities issues is also a component of the Member Development Programme.

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

Member Development Strategy 2011-2015

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