

## **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2013 AT THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, COPELAND CENTRE AT 2:00PM**

**Present:** Councillors Lena Hogg (Chairman); John Bowman; Ian Hill; David Riley; Robert Salkeld and Jeanette Williams.

**Officers:** Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor John Kane.

#### **MDP 78/12 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **MDP 79/12 Training Programme 2012-2013**

Prior to discussion of this item, Members were advised that a 'thankyou' had been received from a Councillor in appreciation of the training courses that were being made available.

The Training Programme for 2012/2013 was reviewed and updated as appropriate.

**RESOLVED** – that the Training Programme be updated and noted.

#### **MDP 80/12 Equality and Diversity, Lakes College - Update**

The Panel was updated on the Equality and Diversity Training that was made available at the last meeting on 23 November 2012. Six Members had signed up for the course and five were progressing it.

**RESOLVED** – that the update be noted.

#### **MDP 81/12 North West Charter on Elected Member Development Level 2**

Following a request made at the last meeting on 23 November 2012, Members considered progressing to the North West Employers Charter on Elected Member Development Level 2 award.

During the discussion that followed, the Panel considered the Officer resources, budget implications and the benefits having the award could bring.

It was suggested that if the Level 2 award be progressed, the timescales be sought from North West Employers and Councillor Mike Wharton be invited to attend a future meeting.

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) the North West Charter on Elected Member Development Level 2 award be progressed,
- b) the Level 2 award timescale be obtained from North West Employers, and
- c) Councillor Mike Wharton be invited to a future meeting of this Panel.

**MDP 82/12 Member Development Newsletter**

Members were advised that issue number 40 of the Member Development Newsletter was issued on 9 January 2013.

A number of training courses were being advertised and to date, there had been little uptake. It was suggested that an email reminder be issued and details circulated to Parish Councils.

Members were asked for items which they would like to include in the next issue.

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) the update be noted,
- b) an email reminder regarding the courses being advertised be issued, and
- c) details of available courses be circulated to Parish Councils

The meeting closed at 3:05pm

Chairman.....

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