

MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2007

Present: Councillors K Hitchen (Chairman); N Williams and Mrs E Eastwood.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B A Dixon; S Meteer; Y Clarkson and P Watson.

Officers: T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; C Willoughby, Technical Support Officer.

MTP 20 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

It was noted that the action resulting from Item MTP 19 has not been completed and is deferred to the next meeting.

MTP 21 Joint Meeting with Allerdale BC

The Panel were advised that the Agenda for the joint meeting with Allerdale BC on 30 October 2007 had been issued to those attending.

The Panel discussed the possible areas of common need that will be presented at the joint meeting. The Panel also discussed the potential benefits resulting from joint training.

The Panel asked if actual/perceived savings could be tracked.

Panel members suggested, following the recent training course for Scrutiny Chairs, this training be made available for all scrutiny members and will raise at the Joint Meeting on 30 October.

Also to be raised is Modern Councillor. The Chairman has attended a training session on this and believes it to be a useful tool which is recommended for all Members to look at. An article on this is to be included in the next Member Development Newsletter.

MTP 19 IDeA Leadership Academy

The Panel agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

MTP 22 Updated Member Training Programme

The Panel were provided with an up dated Member Training Programme displaying the courses held in the current financial year to date and those planned/to be arranged

Panel members discussed the use of Webcams possibly being piloted by the ICT Sub Group.

The use of SKYPE was also discussed and its benefits are to be investigated further.

It was agreed that training sessions based on the ID&A/ACE development event for OSC Chairs on 20/21 October would be organized at the start of the next cycle of OSC meetings.

An updated Member Training Programme spreadsheet will be produced for the next meeting.

MTP 23 Member Development Newsletter

The next issue of the Member Development Newsletter is being prepared and a new style, colour format is to be tried. The Panel were shown a draft which received a good reception. It was agreed that the first issue in this form will be sent in hard copy to all members.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.

Chairman