

MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2007

Present: Councillors K Hitchen (Chairman); B A Dixon and Mrs E Eastwood.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Williams; S Meteer; Y Clarkson and P Watson.

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

MTP 24 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

It was noted that resulting from Item MTP 19, Councillor J Kane has expressed an interest in the IDeA Leadership Academy. The Democratic Services Manager will investigate courses commencing 2008/09.

MTP 25 Crime and Disorder Training

The Panel were advised that the Democratic Services Manager had discussed with Councillor Clements, training for all Councillors on Section 17 Training, and to include Crime and Disorder Partnership awareness.

The possibility of joint training with Allerdale BC will also be explored.

It was agreed that:-

- a) Section 17 training be added as a Core Training subject on the Member Training Programme.
- b) the Democratic Services Manager organize with the aim of completing by January/February 2008.

MTP 26 Update on Joint Training with Allerdale BC

The Panel were updated on Joint training activity with Allerdale BC. There was a Chairing Meetings seminar organized by Allerdale on 6 December and a Planning Training Day at Copeland will be held on 14 December.

The next Joint Member Development meeting will be in January on a date to be fixed.

It was suggested contact be made with both South Lakes and Barrow Councils to explore the possibility of joint training with them. The Democratic Services Manager will undertake this.

MTP 27 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

It was noted that the Ethical Governance training took place on 26 November 2007. This was an all day event and excellent feedback has been received.

It was also noted that there is currently no IT trainer available. The Democratic Services Manager will contact Allerdale to ascertain what arrangements they have for IT training.

A suggestion was also made that the Phoenix Centre, Cleator Moor and the Network Centre, Millom School might be able to help with an IT trainer and again the Democratic Services Manager will investigate.

The Finance and Budget workshop has still to be arranged, again this is due to the lack of a trainer.

A Media Relations workshop is to be arranged still and the possibility of a joint training session with Allerdale will be explored by the Democratic Services Manager.

Members discussed attendances and non-attendances at meetings and suggested that persistent non-attenders be encouraged or removed from the committees to which they have been appointed.

It was also suggested that Members who attend external Training Courses provide a 5 minute presentation on their return.

A request was made that the Committee be furnished with details of all training courses attended by Members since May 2007

RESOLVED that the Democratic Services Manager provide details of all training courses attended by Members since May 2007 at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.55 am.

Chairman