

MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2004

Present: Councillors N Williams (Chairman); K H Hitchen; P Watson; A Wells.

Officers: T Capper Principal Officer (Secretariat); P Crone (Systems Manager)

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2004 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MTP 06 Member Training and Development Strategy

The Panel discussed outline proposals for a Member Training and Development Strategy. The draft outline strategy was approved as submitted, subject to further work on the areas discussed

MTP 07 ACE Programme

The Panel considered an invitation to nominate up to six Members to attend 24-hour residential events as part of the ACE Member Development Programme, which had been devised as part of the response to the CPA for all the Cumbrian Authorities.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel be nominated and the remaining places be made available to all Members of the Council on a first come first served basis.

MTP 08 Laptops- Update

A discussion took place on the current position in respect of provision of laptops to Members. It was noted that there were now three additional members interested in being provided with a laptop and receiving training, and it was agreed that on this basis an additional three machines be ordered as soon as possible.

The Panel received an update on the training programme for members who had recently received laptops, and on additional areas which should be covered.

MTP 09 Local Democracy Week

The Panel discussed proposals for the Council's participation in Local Democracy Week in October 2004. It was agreed that an outline programme involving local ward members visiting schools in their areas, establishing contacts with schools and heads, and participating in local events planned as part of Local Democracy Week should be prepared, and a meeting arranged for all interested Members to discuss details.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am

Chairman