MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2006

Present: Councillors Mrs M Barnes (Chairman); J Hewitson (Deputy Chairman); P Watson; N Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Dixon; K Hitchen; F McPhillips.

Officers: Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager; Lesley Taylor, Member Services (Technical Support) Officer.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2006 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MTP 28 <u>Visit to Cumbria County Council Meeting</u>

The Panel gave feedback from their attendance at Cumbria County Council Meeting. Comparisons were made between the two authorities. The quality of the sound system was noted along with the difference in layout. Members highlighted that any presentations took place during the meeting and not beforehand.

RESOLVED that a) the possibility of any presentations taking place during Council meetings rather than beforehand be discussed with the Leader, the Leader of the Opposition and the Mayor and b) efforts be made to improve the sound system in the Bainbridge Room

MTP 29 Evidence Portfolio

The panel discussed the progress of the Evidence portfolio for NWEO Accreditation. Two reports were submitted detailing training attended on Equality and Diversity and Crime and Disorder. It was agreed that these should be included in both the newsletter and the Evidence Portfolio along with evidence that Member Training is discussed at political group meetings.

Consideration was given to a schedule of success criteria for training to assess whether training is being delivered and the relevance of training contributing to corporate objectives in the Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED that the training success criteria be discussed in more detail at a future meeting of the Panel and be included in the evidence file.

The Meeting Closed at 11.20am