

## **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2012 AT THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, COPELAND CENTRE AT 10:00am**

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

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor David Riley

#### **MDP 35/12    Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 20 July 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **MDP 36/12    North West Charter on Elected Member Development Level 1 Review**

Members received a further update on of the North West Charter on Elected Member Development Level 1 Review.

Since the last update, the final items of evidence to support the Councils re-accreditation bid had been added to the evidence library, which is now 100% complete.

A final quality check has been made by the Democratic Services Manager and Member Services Technical Support Officer and North West Employers had been notified accordingly.

Comments from North West Employers are now awaited.

A date for the Inspection visit has now been set for 11 September 2012 and will consist of Interviews with three groups.

One group will consist of the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive. A second group will be made up of the Chair and Deputy Chair of this Panel, the Member Services Technical Support Officer and the Head of Corporate Resources. The third group will consist of randomly selected Councillors from each party, male & female and both new & experienced members.

Due to holidays, the Portfolio Holder and the Democratic Services Manager will be interviewed over the phone.

As soon as further details are available the Panel will be advised.

Tim Capper and Clive Willoughby were thanked by the Panel for their hard work in preparing the evidence portfolio.

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

**MDP 37/12    NWEO Conference**

Members were advised that Councillors Lena Hogg and John Bowman along with the Member Services Technical Support Officer attended the North West Employers' Annual Conference held at the Reebok Stadium, Bolton on Thursday 26 July 2012.

It was reported that all had found the day both interesting and useful.

The conference included three presentations:

- Local Governance finance and the future of Local Government – presented by Tony Travers, Director of London School of Economics.
- Public Service reform and the role of whole place community budgets – presented by Carolyn Wilkins, Deputy Chief Executive, Oldham Council.
- The Power of Social Media in engaging with your local community – presented by Councillor Mahroof Hussain, Rotherham MBC.

Members stated that the social media presentation was of particular interest and it was suggested that an article and details of Councillor Hussain's website be included in the next issue of the Member Development Newsletter.

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

**MDP 38/12    Personal Development Plan**

Members were advised that the response to the PDP refresh had been slow and were advised that a reminder would be issued by email and in paper formats. The Panel also suggested it be raised by them at their Group meetings

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) the update be received,
- b) reminders be issued, and
- c) the subject be raised by the Panel members at their Group meetings.

**MDP 39/12    Dates of Future Meetings**

The next meetings of this Panel were arranged 17 August 2012 at 10:00am.

Additional meetings were suggested for 17 August 2012, 31 August 2012 and 14 September 2012 all at 10:00am in the Bainbridge Room.

It was suggested that the 31 August meeting include the arrangements for the NWE0 Inspection visit set for 11 September 2012.

The meeting closed at 10:55am

Chairman.....

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