

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2014 IN THE NICHOLSON ROOM, COPELAND CENTRE AT 2:00PM

Present: Councillors Lena Hogg (Chair); Ian Hill; Keith Hitchen; John Kane; David Riley

Officers: Lindsay Tomlinson, Democratic Services Manager and Denise James, Member Services Officer

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Jeanette Williams

Also Present: Councillor William Southward

MDP 13/14 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MDP 14/14 Social Media Training

Consideration was given to a report requesting the appointment of Keith McMean to provide Social Media Training to Members.

During consideration of this item Members felt that should additional sessions be required then this should be delegated to the Democratic Services Manager to arrange and authorise.

RESOLVED – That the Democratic Services Manager be authorised to appoint Keith McMean to provide Social Media Training to Members as set out in the report and any additional she feels necessary.

MDP 15/14 Directly Elected Mayor Update

The Panel received a verbal update on the Directly Elected Mayor process following the briefing by the LGA and the Member Officer visits to Bedford and Mansfield.

It was noted that work was continuing in updating the Council's Constitution in light of the changes and would be put to Council at the various stages for approval.

Members stressed the importance for full induction training once the newly elected members had taken office and asked that the group leaders be asked to emphasise the importance to their respective groups.

It was further noted that the new Mayor would receive mentor training through the LGA.

RESOLVED – That the update be received.

MDP 16/14 **Member Development Strategy**

Members received the draft Member Development Strategy for consideration. It was agreed that Members would look at the strategy and feed comments back to the Democratic Services Manager prior to the next meeting of the Panel.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

MDP 17/14 **Member Development Training Programme**

The updated Member Development programme October 2014 – April 2015 was submitted and noted.

It was agreed that the timetable for the training would be the subject of a further report to the next meeting of the Panel and would include Personal Safety for elected members.

RESOLVED – That a) the draft programme be noted; and

b) the draft timetable be the subject of a further report to the next meeting of the Panel.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm

Chairman.....

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