

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2009

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Watson.

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

MDP 87 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MDP 88 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Members were advised that it had not been possible to collate the training data as yet. This would be completed and training badges awarded at the Full Council meeting on 23 June 2009.

The Panel assumed the recommendation to Council regarding the future of Member training would be approved and a Champion appointed who would take forward the recognition of training.

MDP 89 Member Development Programme

The Panel was updated on the Member Development Programme and advised that the majority of planned training for the 2008-09 municipal year had been completed. The small number outstanding would be carried forward to the next year.

It was requested that the new Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee be consulted regarding future training plans.

AGREED That

- a) the Member Development Programme update be received, and
- b) that the new Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee be consulted regarding future training plans.

MDP 90 Member Action Plan (MAP) update

The Panel were updated on progress being made in booking Members for a Member Action Plan (MAP) interview. 39 Members had now signed up for a MAP following the reminder issued by the Chairman

and Deputy Chairman, which is 78%. The target was to have 42 Members signed up and therefore the remainder would be contacted again.

AGREED That

- a) the update be received, and
- b) those Members not already signed up for a Member Action Plan would be contacted again.

MDP 91 Vote of Thanks

The Chairman thanked Panel Members for their commitment and achievements, supported by Officers and the Portfolio Holder. Members thanked the Chairman for his leadership of the Panel and enthusiasm.

AGREED that the vote of thanks be recorded.

The meeting closed at 11:40am.

Chairman.....

Date.....