

**MEMBER DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY
WORKING PARTY**

North West Leicestershire
Scrutiny
Committed to Improvement

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Next meeting: 6.30 p.m. on 2 AUGUST 2010

Venue: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville

The Monitoring Officer would like to remind members that when they are considering whether the following items are exempt information under the relevant paragraph under part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 they must have regard to the public interest test. This means that members must consider, for each item, whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure outweighs the public interest in making the item available to the public.

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Members should remember that under the Code of Conduct, in declaring an interest, you should make clear the nature of that interest; whether it is 'personal' or 'prejudicial'.	
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An introduction to the examination by the Senior Scrutiny Officer	3
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Presentation by the Legal Practice and Member Development Officer/Parish Liaison Officer	

Circulation:
Councillor I Meller
Councillor N Smith

Councillor R Woodward (Chairman)

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Member Development Scrutiny – AN INTRODUCTION

Background

- 1 The Member Development Working Party has requested that the Committee examine the Council's Member Development with particular reference to evaluating the cost and benefits of Councillor learning and development and the impact it has had on the Council's performance.
- 2 A scrutiny examination of member development will inform the Council's future policy and decisions relating to the arrangements and ensure that good use is made of council resources.

Working party

- 3 The Corporate Scrutiny Committee established a three-member working party and appointed Councillors I Meller, N Smith and R Woodward (Chairman).

Terms of Reference

- 4 The Corporate Scrutiny Committee approved the Terms of Reference for the Working Party.
- 5 The Working Party;
 - 5.1 examine the current process for Member Development – including;
 - 5.1.1 Development of the Member Development programme
 - 5.1.2 Resources and Value for Money
 - 5.1.3 Whether Member Development is meeting the needs of Members and the Council
 - 5.2 Make recommendations for improvement of the process.
 - 5.3 Report by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 30 November 2010.

Meetings

- 6 It is suggested that a number meetings are held;
 - 6.1 **First** Introduction to subject; a presentation by the Legal Practice and Member Development Officer/Parish Liaison Officer;
 - 6.2 **Second** Interview with Member Development officer from Charnwood Borough Council and Councillor P Purver, the Council's Member Champion and Chairman of the Member Development Working Party;
 - 6.3 **Third** Consideration of a survey of Members and interview with invited Members;

6.4 **Fourth** Collation of conclusions and recommendations

Written evidence

- 7 In addition to collation of appropriate council data, the working group could organise a survey of Members and invite Members to submit written evidence to this examination.
- 8 All responses and written submissions will be reported to meetings of the working party.

Witnesses

- 9 The working group will invite witnesses to attend a meeting to expand upon written submissions and answer members' questions. The working group or the chairman of the group can identify these witnesses for each meeting once written evidence has been received and the examination progresses.

Options

- 10 The working group could identify options for the future of member development and make appropriate recommendations.

Keith Gordon, Senior Scrutiny Officer
July 2010

Background Papers: Report to and minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee held on 17 November 2009. Available at <http://minutes.nwleics.gov.uk:81/aksnwleicester/users/public/admin/kab12.pl?cmte=COS&meet=11&arc=71> or on request.