

Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting:	25 July 2022
Title of Report:	Member Development
Lead Strategic Director:	Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)
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Your Reference:	MDI 22/23
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report presents an overview of member development activity which took place during the 2021/22 municipal year and outlines proposals for future work in this area including the ambition to gain Member Development Charter status.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. Note the activity undertaken and planned development opportunities;
2. Support the ambition to gain Member Development Charter Status and necessary strategy development;
3. Support the creation of a Councillor Development Steering Group to report to the Audit and Governance Committee of the Council.

Reason: for the Council to formalise its approach to member development and demonstrate commitment to the role of Councillors

Alternative options considered and rejected

Option: Not to report on member development activity for the year

Rejected: Not to report on activity would lack transparency and not demonstrate commitment to member development

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

As a democratic organisation, member development assists Councillors to undertake their role well and therefore deliver upon the Council's objectives.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

There are no additional financial or resource implications from the report.

Financial Risks

None arising from this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Wherever possible, internal training is delivered and/or written training materials provided to minimise the need for travel. Where travel is required, public transport options are encouraged.

Greater use of virtual briefings / meetings / training will further reduce the Council's carbon footprint.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

Training and development opportunities are available to Councillors on an equal basis.

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

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A	Member Development							
B	LGA Member Development Charter							

Background papers:

*Add rows as required to box below

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt											

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 21/06/2022