

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	19 JUNE 2017	7
REMIT OF THE MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

Further to the resolution of Council at its meeting held on 3 April 2017 and the subsequent meeting of the Member Development Steering Group held on 19 May 2017, the Finance and Democracy Committee is asked to consider extending the remit/Terms of Reference of the Member Development Steering Group (MDSG) to include 'member wellbeing'.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Finance & Democracy Committee are requested to approve the following recommendations:

1. To extend the remit of the Member Development Steering Group to include 'member wellbeing'.
2. To update the 'Working with Councillors with Disability Policy Document' as deemed appropriate.
3. To support the on-going work of the MDSG on this topic as outlined in paragraph 3 of the report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Full Council – 03 March 2017 - To request that the Member Development Steering Group consider extending its remit to include member wellbeing.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	

REPORT

1. The Council at its meeting held on 3 April 2017 requested that the Member Development Steering Group consider extending its remit to include 'member wellbeing'.
2. A report on the proposal was considered and recommended for approval by the Member Development Steering Group at its meeting held on 19 May 2017.
3. The MDSG also recommended the following:
 - To endeavour to advise the Council on supporting and enabling members to participate fully in the business of the council.

- To report on the position to Tracy Morrison, Director of Resources
 - To request that Paul Walker, Director of Development Services attend the next appropriate meeting of the Member Development Steering Group to provide an overview of the ways in which the new Council Chamber and current committee rooms will cater for those with disabilities.
 - To review the 'Working with Councillor with Disabilities' document at the next appropriate meeting of the Member Development Steering Group with a view to identifying how the Council will recognise and support member wellbeing.
4. For information purposes, The current remit/ Terms of Reference of the Member Development Steering Group is as follows:
- To develop and review the Member Development Strategy.
 - To develop, monitor, evaluate, review and receive member attendance reports on the Member Learning Programme.
 - To provide focussed leadership and guidance to officers in respect of all member development issues.
 - To promote best practice amongst all elected members of the council.
 - To encourage the highest level of participation by all members in the Member Development Programme and in relation to personal development plans.
 - To ensure that the Council achieves and maintains the required level of skills, competences and practices to maintain North West Employers charter status.
 - To report as and when required to the Finance and Democracy Committee.
5. In 2016, the Member Development Steering Group considered and recommended the 'Working with Councillors with Disabilities Policy' document which was subsequently approved by the Finance and Democracy Committee in June 2016.
6. The policy on members with disabilities sets out the arrangements that are in place to assist with the particular needs of councillors who have a disability with the aim of complying with the duties in the Equality Act 2010. The document complements the updated Elected Member Development Strategy.
7. For completeness, it is considered prudent to update the Working with Councillors with Disabilities Policy Document as deemed appropriate to reflect the new arrangements/remit of the Steering Group.
8. It is suggested that the MDSG include as a regular item on its agenda 'member wellbeing'.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report
Legal	None arising directly from the report.
Community Safety	None arising directly from the report.
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising directly from the report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising directly from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising directly from the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Council Minutes	3/04/17	https://fylde.cmis.uk.com/fylde/Committees.aspx
MDSG notes	19/05/17	Democratic Services Section