

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL

8 January, 2015

WORK PLAN

Submitted by: Member Training and Development Officer

Portfolio: Finance and Resources

Ward(s) affected: Non-specific

Purpose of the Report

To assess the Work Programme for the Panel and to add any further items.

Recommendations

(a) That the Work Plan be agreed

Reasons

To give the Panel a solid structure and set aims and objectives for the future.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 The Member Development Panel, in its present format, was set up following the gaining of the West Midlands Member Development Charter in 2010.
- 1.2 A Work Plan had not been set up previously and by doing so, goals for improving the take up of training and its delivery and other Member Development issues can be set.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 Having a Work Plan to guide the Panel will provide guidance and ensure that any issues raised are dealt with in a structured manner.

3. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

- 3.1 Better informed Members will contribute directly to 'Achieving a Cooperative Council and Community Based Service'

4. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

- 4.1 There are no legal implications directly associated with this report.

5. **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 5.1 There are no equalities implications directly associated with this report.

6. **Financial and Resource Implications**

6.1 There is now a limited budget for the remainder of the current financial year.

6.2 The main resource implication associated with the proposals listed in this report is use of Members' time. The process will require a minimal commitment of time from Members if it is to be effective and meaningful. There is little resource implication concerning officers as this process will be Member led and owned by Members.

7. **Major Risks**

7.1 There are no major risks associated with this report.

8. **Key Decision Information**

8.1 The proposals within this report are not regarded as Key Decisions in the sense that it should be included within the Forward Plan. However, as this is not regarded as a non-Executive function, a Cabinet (executive) decision is required to give effect to the proposals.

9. **Appendices**

Work Plan

10. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

2 October, 2014