

Report on	Elected Member Development Working Group
Date of Meeting	10 July 2024
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	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To receive and consider the report of a meeting of the Elected Member Development Working Group held on 30 May 2024
2.0	Background
2.1	The Council through the Elected Member Development Steering Group has Level 1 Charter Status for Elected Member Development and is working towards a review together with progressing to Charter Plus.
2.2	The steering group Terms of Reference confirms that the business of the Working Group be reported through Policy & Resources Committee.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Report of the most recent meeting of the Elected Member Development Steering Group is attached, as Appendix A to this report for consideration and approval. The following issues have resulted from discussion at the 30 May working group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That events be planned to promote Local Democracy particularly throughout Local Democracy Week in the Autumn. Events suggested for inclusion contact with primary schools, secondary schools, youth voice, people with disabilities and those without, senior citizens, ethnic backgrounds and harder to reach communities. Meetings such as Council and committees be promoted on social media platforms. (ii) Personal Development Plans with recommendations for Members be progressed; (iii) Training required be programmed (within budget) throughout the term of the Council 2023-2027.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

	Financial: not applicable at this point
	Human: Not applicable
	Risk Management: Not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: Not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>The committee consider and approves the report and recommendations of the Elected Member Development Steering Group meeting, and actions contained, held on 30 May 2024 to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Democracy Events; • Issue of Personal Development Plans to Members; • Training required be programmed within budget throughout the term of the Council 2023-2027.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A: Report of Elected Member Development Steering Group