

Report of Elected Member Development Steering Group of Mid Ulster District Council held on *26 October 2021 at 6.00pm* via Zoom

Attendees **Members:** Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Doris, Elattar and Mallaghan
Officers: E Forde, Member Support Officer, S McAleer Corporate L&D Manager

Apologies P Moffett Assistant Director: OD, S&P

AGENDA	MATTERS AGREED	ACTIONS & RESPONSIBILITY
1.0	Chair's Business	
	In the absence of the Chair, Councillor McKinney, it was agreed that Councillor Ashton Chair the meeting.	
2.0	Training Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Support Officer provided update on training highlighting forthcoming opportunities • AGREED: That Corporate L&D Manager send out details of E Learning and plan a further demonstration prior to a committee meeting to encourage Members to avail of Learning and Development opportunities via this platform. • NOTED: NILGA Planning Leadership Course 2 Members have commenced the 2021/2022 course and 1 Member has commenced the 2021/2022 NILGA Local Leadership Course. • NOTED: NILGA Regional Training Programme September 2021 – April 2022 	<p>Member Support Officer Corporate L&D Manager</p>
3.0	Future Training Agreed	

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4.0	Evaluations																	
	<p>NOTED: The overview of evaluations outlined in the report and also that the Online Evaluations method of submitting course evaluations had proved positive.</p>																	

5.0	Personal Development Plans	
	AGREED: Members who completed Personal Development Plans receive progress update.	Member Support Officer
6.0	Lesser Spotted Mid Ulster	
	<p>Members discussed the value of progressing a ‘Lesser Spotted Mid Ulster’ series of learning to know other DEA’s over the winter spring months.</p> <p>First proposed event 30 November 2021 early evening Solar Walk: meet in Cookstown, get dropped at Beaghmore Boardwalk walk along to Davagh (approximately 3Km), appreciate the archaeological experience, the landscape, solar system, finishing at Davagh and transport back to Cookstown. All events will be risk assessed as per current restrictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future: Suggestions to experience other places of interest for further activity across the district to be emailed to Member Support Officer. Members asked that a number of events be held prior to measuring success or otherwise. • Party Leaders to be contacted to encourage Party Members to attend. 	<p>Member Support Officer</p> <p>AD: ODSP</p>
7.0	Verbal Update on Charter Review	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Support Officer advised that as reported at June P&R meeting Council had successfully completed the Charter Review had taken place on 26 May 2021. As previous the Chair of the Working Group Cllr McKinney, Member Support Officer and Head of Democratic Services would be interviewed for the review 	<p>Member Support Officer &</p> <p>AD: ODSP</p>
8.0	Consideration of Charter/Charter Plus	

- NOTED: that Charter Status would be reassessed in 2022 having reached the end of a three year period, cost would be as previous £2500 to renew.
- AGREED: that Member Support Officer explore Charter Plus to be considered at a future meeting. Considerations to include cost, officer and Member commitment.

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Meeting concluded at 6.50 pm