

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL
2.	Date:	24TH JUNE, 2010
3.	Title:	MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
4.	Programme Area:	Chief Executive's

5. Summary

This report gives an overview of proposed Member Development activity during the late summer through to December.

6. Recommendations

- a. That Members agree the proposed Member Development activities proposed in the report**
- b. That members add any additional proposals they have for other activities.**

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 Members have already agreed a series of development activities:

- 20th June – Developing the PREVENT Agenda – a workshop for Members on moving forward the Community Cohesion/Community leadership role of councillors
- 2nd July - Safeguarding Children – this will be an initial session for the Cabinet Member, advisers and members of the Children & Young People’s Scrutiny Panel
- Autumn 2010 – The Member Role as a Corporate Parent – a series of sessions aimed at ALL members.
- Autumn 2010 – The Councillor Role in Combatting Climate Change – from an initial proposal by the Deputy leader and the Sustainable Communities scrutiny Panel
- Autumn 2010 – Updating our Knowledge of Licensing – a joint session with Sheffield City Council aimed mainly at Members of the Licensing Committee
- Autumn 2010 – Ward Walkabouts for new Members
- Autumn 2010 – An Effective Administration/An Effective Opposition

7.2 A series of Member Development events have been organised by the Yorkshire & Humber Region. Information about these was circulated to all members via email.

7.3 Leadership Academy - The programme for 2010/11 has been received. There have been expressions of interest for the Graduate school – Cllrs Pickering & Lakin; Summer School – Cllrs Falvey & Havenhand and for the Adults, Children’s Health & Wellbeing Programme – Cllr Paul Lakin (in his new Cabinet portfolio) It may be that following the summer school Cllrs Falvey & Havenhand may wish to attend the full Leadership Academy programme.

8. Finance

8.1 The costs for attending Leadership Academy are:

Summer School 2@£250	500
Grad School 2@ 500	1000
Special Course 1@800	800
Full Programme 2 @ 1500	3000
Total	£5,300

8.2 Safeguarding training £1500

All costs would be met from the Member Development budget

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a continuing need to update the skills and knowledge of Members as the role of the local councillor changes. Support for councillors undertaking new roles is important if they are to be able to meet the challenges and make a success of their new responsibilities

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The council has set out how it is developing the capacity of Members to deliver its ambitions. The varied programme of development activities undertaken by Members demonstrates that Rotherham takes Member Development seriously.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

IDeA website <http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelId=1700429>

Various emails from Jessica O'Brien IDeA regarding Safeguarding Training

Various emails from Nico Heller re PREVENT Workshop

Email from Karen Weaver re Regional Member Development Events.

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