

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WINTER 2010/11

The main aim of the Member Development Programme is to provide opportunities for Members to up-date their knowledge and skills with a view to supporting them in carrying out those increasingly important roles especially in the current climate of change.

I hope that you will continue to give your support to this important area of work and, as importantly, let us know where the gaps are so that the programme can continue to be said to be "By Members, For Members".

Yours sincerely,



Councillor T. R. Sharman
Chair of Members' Training and Development Panel

Audit Committee Briefing
International Finance Reporting Standards
Wednesday, 24th November, 2010 - 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Sheffield Town Hall

By the end of the seminar, participants will be able to:

- Understand what IFRS is.
- Understand the implications and timetable of converting to IFRS.
- Be aware of the proposed changes to the published financial statements as a result of IFRS conversion

Councillors Alex Sangster, Barry Kaye and Ken Wyatt to attend.

Corporate Parenting Sessions for all Members
Level 1

Dates and Times

Tuesday, 19th October, 2010 - 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Tuesday, 2nd November, 2010 - 10.00 am to 12 noon

Tuesday, 16th November, 2010 - 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

NEW DATE - 25th January, 2011 - 10.00 am to 12 noon

The concept of corporate parenting has placed collective responsibility on all Local Authorities to achieve good parenting for all children in the public care. It requires ownership and leadership at a senior level and includes all elected members.

Looked-after children have a right to expect the outcomes we want for every child. These are that they:

- should be healthy
- should be safe
- enjoy and achieve
- make a positive contribution to society
- achieve economic wellbeing.

To achieve these outcomes, councils must demonstrate their commitment to helping every child they look after - wherever the child is placed - to achieve their potential.

Personalisation: "My Choice" "My Future"
Friday, 4th February, 2011
John Smith Room - Town Hall
10.00 am to 11.00 am

Personalisation is a new way of thinking about the Health and Social Care Services you get.

Emergency Planning Awareness Raising
Tuesday, 8th February, 2011
The Source, Meadowhall
2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

- Want to find out more about Emergency Planning?
- What to know more about your role as an Elected Member in an Emergency?
- What to be brought up-to-date on the new shared service between Rotherham MBC and Sheffield CC?

Standards Training Session
21st February, 2011 @ 10.00 am to 12 noon
23rd February, 2011 @ 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
25th February, 2011 @ 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
John Smith Room - Town Hall

The Training Programme will take the following route:-

- **Introduction**
- **Aims of Session**
- **Current Situation in respect of current legislation**
- **Interactive Session**
- **Emerging Issues**
- **Questions**

Project Argus Training
John Smith Room - Town Hall
Friday, 11th March, 2011 @ 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
(date to be confirmed) April, 2011 @ 10.00 am to 12 noon

Project Argus Training is a National Counter Terrorism Security Office initiative which explores ways to aid the prevention, handling and recovering from a terrorist attack

Refresher Training on Fraud & Corruption
John Smith Room - Town Hall
Wednesday, 5th April, 2011 - 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Friday, 8th April, 2011 - 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Wednesday, 13th April, 2011 - 10.00 am to 12 noon

The Benefit Fraud Investigate Unit will cover issues such as:-

- Referral and source information
- Sifting of referrals
- Investigation process overview
- Joint working with other agencies - both internal and external agencies
- Examples of successful cases
- Fraud Awareness e-learning package (available on the Council intranet October, 2010)
- Contact details

LGID - The Councillor's Role in Promoting Personalisation and
Safeguarding Events

1st March, 2011 - Manchester

The Event aims to:-

- Provide an overview of the current context for Adult Social Care, so that Leaders in the field can stay at the forefront of developments in policy and delivery.
- Offer updates on safeguarding policy and practice, including clarifying the functions and responsibilities of Councillors in relation to safeguarding adults in vulnerable circumstances.
- Outline the national programme on personalisation, which aims to transform adult social care.
- Explore the challenges for service improvement, efficiency savings and local partnership working.
- Include presentations by key national figures working on social care.
- Offer opportunity for discussion and networking.