

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:-	Members' Training & Development Panel
2.	Date:-	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2011
3.	Title:-	MORE (Member Online Resource Environment)
4.	Directorate:-	Resources

### 5. Summary

Members will see a demonstration of the Members online resource environment (MORE), which went live in November. As this is a new resource Members need to consider matters relating to governance and development of the site.

### 6. Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Note the availability of the MORE website ([www.more.lgyh.gov.uk](http://www.more.lgyh.gov.uk))
- Agree the sharing of appropriate locally developed resources via this site
- Agree Member involvement in the development of, and publicity, relating to the site.

## **7. Proposals and Details**

A small group of Council member development officers, supported by RIEP funding and the LGYH, have been working on the development of an online resource area for Elected Members. The site went live in November and is now available for Members to access. The purpose of the site is to provide Members with a single point of reference for a range of development resources, including upcoming events, conferences and seminars, topical updates and briefings, resources from recent programmes and events, e-learning and specially commissioned resources around crucial topics.

The site provides an access grid for key areas such as:

- Adults health & social care
- Children & young people
- Environment & neighbourhood
- Audit governance & standards

At a later date the site will be developed to provide automated updates on new resources and a password protected area for Members to exchange ideas and share information.

Initial resources provided on the site include:

- Audio CD content relating to case studies on childrens and adults safeguarding
- Scrutinising procurement resource
- Smart arguing
- Being a Councillor

In order to be fully effective, all Councils in the region need to commit to this resource and be prepared to share locally developed resources via it. Members are asked to agree the sharing of resources developed in Rotherham via this resource, as appropriate.

The development group have also asked for Member representation on a reference group, which will look at development of the site and agree content. Members are asked to agree whether representation from the Member Development Panel should be put forward.

## **8. Finance**

The site was developed using RIEP funding. No additional finance is required for the maintenance of the site.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The success of the site will be determined by the commitment of all Councils to sharing resources on it and ensuring that resources are reviewed, developed and refreshed.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The development of the MORE site will assist with the development of Elected Members.

## 11. Background Papers and Consultation

MORE site - [www.more.lgyh.gov.uk](http://www.more.lgyh.gov.uk)

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