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Member Development Steering Group

<u>General</u>

- An advisory body with no delegated powers
- This body reports to the Governance Committee

Terms of Reference

- To provide strategic direction to formulate, implement, monitor and evaluate member development
- To strategically monitor and prioritise development plan activities
- To strategically monitor the member development budget
- To review training outcomes
- To ensure linkage to Council aims, priorities and objectives
- To develop the Elected Member Development Programme
- To promote development opportunities
- To ensure cross-party communication
- To share learning best practice
- To ensure and promote accessibility
- To promote diversity
- To demonstrate continuous improvement
- To identify learning objectives
- To proactively encourage opportunities for prospective Councillors to understand the role of Councillor before standing for election via improved website information, shadowing Councillors, attending meetings etc.
- To agree the Induction Programme
- To take soundings and work in partnership with other authorities where appropriate
- In progressing the above, to work towards achieving the Member Development Charter