
MEETING	MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP
DATE	8 MARCH 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS GUNNELL (CHAIR), BARNES, DOUGLAS, RUNCIMAN (VICE-CHAIR) AND WISEMAN

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL.

38. REMIT OF THE MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP

Members considered a report which proposed a revised remit for the Member Development Steering Group to enable it to advise on some proposed terms of reference and a subsequent renaming of the Group.

Officers explained that training and development cuts across other strands of supporting Members, such as travel and subsistence expenses and the format in which learning opportunities should be provided (i.e. e-learning and whether the provision of existing IT software is fit for purpose).

Presently, the remit for the Group only enables it to advise on matters strictly relating to training and development however it would be beneficial for the remit to be widened so that Members of the Steering Group can work with Democratic Services on managing appropriate support to Members in general.

It was suggested that the name of the group should be changed to reflect the wider remit to 'Member Support Steering Group' instead of 'Member Development Steering Group'.

Members considered and agreed that the revised remit for the group detailed at paragraph 8 of the report should contain the following:

- “1. To advise the Head of Civic & Democratic Services upon the provision of support to Members in accordance with the Council’s Member Development & Training Policy and its Scheme of Allowances and Entitlements to Members;*

2. *To liaise with Group Members where appropriate on matters affecting the provision of support to them and as considered by the Steering Group.”*

RECOMMENDED: That Council approves:

- (i) The name change of the Committee to “Member Support Steering Group”.
- (ii) The proposed changes to the future remit of the Steering Group.

REASON: To enable closer cross party working with Members on all aspects relating to Member support.

Councillor J Gunnell, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.20 pm