

Blaby District Council End of Term Survey

We would like your views to help us design the 2023 induction process, and improve our future member development programmes and the support councillors are offered.

Feedback from ALL councillors would be greatly appreciated.

We want you to be open and honest about your experiences and feelings, so your information will be stored confidentially and any feedback will be anonymised.

Support and Information to carry out my role effectively

- 1 This section is concerned with the degree to which you are aware of the types of support and information is provided by the authority, and asking you to rate how useful this support/information has been for you.
- For each of the options below please indicate whether you are aware of them or not by circling either Yes or No,
 - If Yes, please rate how useful/effective this has been where
1 = poor 2= adequate 3= good 4 = very good.

1.a.

Member Learning and Development Programme?				
No			If your answer is no please move to next question	
Yes			If your answer is yes please rate – With 1 = poor and 4 = very good	
1	2	3	4	

1.b.

Councillors' Handbook				
No			If your answer is no please move to next question	
Yes			If your answer is yes please rate – With 1 = poor and 4 = very good	
1	2	3	4	

1.c.

Officer Buddying Scheme				
No			If your answer is no please move to next question	
Yes			If your answer is yes please rate – With 1 = poor and 4 = very good	
1	2	3	4	

1.d.

Personal Development Appraisals				
No			If your answer is no please move to next question	
Yes			If your answer is yes please rate – With 1 = poor and 4 = very good	
1	2	3	4	

1.e.

Members Weekly Calendar of Meetings (electronic)				
No			If your answer is no please move to next question	
Yes			If your answer is yes please rate – With 1 = poor and 4 = very good	
1	2	3	4	

1.f.

Members e:bulletin				
No			If your answer is no please move to next question	
Yes			If your answer is yes please rate – With 1 = poor and 4 = very good	
1	2	3	4	

1.g.

Members lounge – do you use this room?				
Never			If your answer is never please move to next question	
Yes			If your answer is yes then please tell us how many often	
Once or twice a year	Every 2 or 3 months	Monthly	Once or twice a month	

1.h.

ICT Support – e.g. Microsoft Teams, Outlook and Modern.gov				
No			If your answer is no please move to next question	
Yes			If your answer is yes please rate – With 1 = poor and 4 = very good	
1	2	3	4	

1.i. If you scored 2 or less for any of the above, please indicate why in the box below, along with any suggestions for improvement.

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2. If there is any other additional support which you would have liked to have received, please indicate in the box below.

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Learning and Development to carry out my role effectively

3.a. What were the most important/useful training sessions you attended? Please list your top three or four.

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- 3.b. Was there any particular learning and development you did not receive, which you feel would have helped you to carry out your role more effectively?

4. Please tell us how you think Councillor learning and development needs to change in the next four years, for example:

- We need to change the content of the learning and development programme
- We need to change the timing of learning
- We need to change the content of the development courses

5. I feel that my skills, expertise and interests have been sufficiently recognised and utilised by the council. (Please rate: 1 being poor, 4 being very good)

1	2	3	4
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Please use the space below to add any further thoughts on this

My experience as a councillor

Specifically for members elected since 2019:

6.a. Before you were elected

Were you made aware of what the role of a councillor involved?	Yes	No
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Were you made aware of the actual time commitment involved?	Yes	No
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Would you have liked more information about the council's activities and priorities?	Yes	No
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6.b. Once you were elected, what do you think could have helped you more

A nominated buddy within Democratic Services?	Yes	No
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A one to one to discuss learning needs, fairly soon after election – with my whip and a member support officer?	Yes	No
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Specific training on the members' role as community champion?	Yes	No
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Help with ICT – e.g. Outlook, Teams and Modern.Gov	Yes	No
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6.c. Please continue below if you think there is anything more we should do for new members?

Your name (PLEASE PRINT):

Date:

Thank you for your time. Your feedback will help ensure our councillor support and learning and development provision is as effective as possible.

Please return to Democratic Services