Member Development Update to Council

It is important that the Council has a structured Member Development Programme that strengthens the knowledge and skills that Members need to fulfil their demanding roles; help contribute to the delivery of the Council's priorities and respond to the changing needs of the District.

Members have recently been invited to complete a Councillor Development Review Form with their Group Whip, providing the opportunity for an open and reflective dialogue to identify training and development needs and a discussion on Members' interests and ambitions relative to their Council roles. These sessions also provide an opportunity to match Members for peer-to-peer mentoring and enable group whips to consider succession planning.

I'm happy to report that 30 Members have successfully completed the Councillor Development Review, resulting in a new robust Member Development Programme to be launched to Members soon.

The Member Development Steering Group, chaired by Cllr. Adrian Clifford will continue to champion and promote learning and development opportunities to all Councillors.