



# Committee Report

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**Classification:** For General Release

**Title:** Member Development Charter

**Report of:** Head of Committee and Governance Services

**Financial Summary:** There are no financial implications

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## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Local Government Association (LGA) has reviewed its Member Development Charter to make sure that current and future challenges are reflected. The LGA is strongly encouraging local areas to adopt the Member Development Charter and Charter Plus as part of a programme of continuing Member development.
- 1.2 The Chairman has asked that this report be submitted to enable the Committee to give initial consideration to it in the context of its duty to monitor the Member Development Programme.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee note that the responsibility for Member Development sits with the Leader of the Council.
- 2.2 That the Committee give consideration to the attached information relating to the LGA Member Development Charter in line with the Committee's responsibility to monitor the Member Development Programme.

## 3. Background Information

- 3.1 In November 2017 the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services formally approved the introduction of a Member Development Programme to be launched in particular from the Induction Programme following the 2018 local elections.
- 3.2 The Member Development Programme forms a programme of 9 sessions per annum, the final details of which are currently being planned.
- 3.3 It should be noted that any decision to seek the Charter is that of the Leader of the Council.

- 3.4 Officers are of the view that the targets set out to achieve the Member Development Charter status are useful milestones for the Council as it begins to launch its Member Development Programme.
- 3.5 Since the last Committee the Member Induction Programme has started and four sessions have already been held. A full update on the sessions will be provided to the Committee in December. The dates in the Council diary for the upcoming Member Development sessions are: Thursday 6 September, Thursday 4 October, Thursday 22 November, Thursday 10 January 2019, Thursday 31 January, Wednesday 13 March and Thursday 11 April.
4. **Financial Implications:** The cost of delivering the Member Development Programme is expected to be met from within existing resources.
5. **Legal Implications:** None.
6. **Other Implications:** None.

**If you have any questions about this report, or wish to inspect one of the background papers, please contact:  
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