

Role and remit of Member Development Champion

- To act in a supporting role to encourage all Councillors to take up learning opportunities and promote the value of continual learning.
- To help raise the profile of Member Development within the Council, emphasising the fact that Member Development is for the benefit of the whole Council and district and is non-political.
- To act as a 'critical friend' to help identify possible areas for development through discussion with councillors and general observation at meetings.
- Similarly, to help identify the benefits gained as a result of development opportunities and how these support the Council's corporate strategy/priorities. This evaluation is necessary to ensure that we achieve value for money from the initiative.
- To work with the Portfolio Holder – Resources and Democratic Services to help identify learning opportunities and to allocate these opportunities in a fair and relevant way. This approach will ensure that the budget is used effectively and we achieve value for money.
- To help progress the Council's bid for Member Development Charter Status which will include promoting the initiative, checking the file of evidence and involvement in the interviews with the Charter Assessors
- To encourage effective communication between elected members and local town and parish councils.

The Member Champion to work closely and in consultation with the Portfolio Holder – Resources.