

## MINUTES

### MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP

2 DECEMBER 2015

**Present:**

**Councillors:** G Adshead  
Banks  
Conway  
P Hearn  
Hicks  
Howard  
Taylor (Chairman)

**Officers:**

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

**18                    APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Douris.

**19                    MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2015 were agreed by the Members present and then signed by the Chairman.

**20                    TRAINING PLEDGE**

M Anderson explained that she had come across other authorities that had a Training Pledge in place and she felt it would be a good idea for Dacorum to adopt in place of the Member Charter Accreditation which expired a few years ago. She said the Pledge would need to be signed by the Group Leaders, announced at Full Council and then framed and put on the wall outside the Council Chamber.

Councillor Adshead referred to the third column and sought clarification as to whether it should say '*Members are expected to, or encouraged to.*' M Anderson said she was going to ask members to decide whether it should say expected or encouraged. Following a short discussion on the matter members decided it should say *expected*'.

The committee felt it was a good idea and fully supported the new Training Pledge.

**21                    MEMBERS TRAINING FEEDBACK**

T Coston said she was really pleased with the turnout at James Deane's Budget Setting Process training but she did have to do a lot of chasing to achieve this. She felt it was a really important course with the budget scrutiny meetings approaching so she was pleased to have 25 members attend. She said that the Development Control Committee training was also well attended but unfortunately the numbers dropped again for the Evidence Based Decision Making session. She hoped the attendance levels would improve in the New Year.

## **22**                    **QUARTERLY BUDGET UPDATE**

M Anderson advised that there had been no change to the budget since the last meeting so there was nothing to update members on.

## **23**                    **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2015-16**

T Coston advised that there were no training sessions until 7 January 2016.

Councillor Adshead asked what WRAP stood for. M Anderson said she would have to check and let members know.

Councillor Banks asked if the Mental Health First Aid training had been rescheduled yet. M Anderson advised they were waiting for HR to advise of a suitable date.

T Coston advised that a session had been booked for 'Understanding Risk Register Reports' as requested by the Strategic Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday 20 April 2016 at 6-7pm prior to Full Council.

### Actions:

- Member support to advise what WRAP stands for.

## **24**                    **MDSG WORK PROGRAMME**

There were no changes to the work programme.

## **25**                    **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 March 2016.

## **26**                    **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS - OPTIONS**

Full details in Part 2 Minutes.

The Meeting ended at 9.04 pm