

## **Member Mentor**

### **Role Description**

#### **1 Accountabilities**

- Before undertaking work with a mentee the mentor will agree to act within the 'Code of Practice for Member Mentors' contained within the WLGA's Guidance for Member Mentors.

#### **2 Role Purpose and Activity**

- **Offering support**
  - To develop an active partnership with the mentee
  - To be an advocate for the Council in developing a reciprocal learning process with the mentee, sharing resources and experience for mutual benefit
  - To promote and facilitate networking
  - To be responsive to the developing needs of the mentee
  - To provide information and guide the mentee in identifying learning needs and developing a learning plan
  - To act as a guide and coach on current practice and protocol
  - To ensure regular contact and feedback is given to the mentee to support development
- **Creating challenge**
  - To participate in reflective activities with the mentee to share experience, understanding, and to facilitate the evaluation of learning
- **Facilitating vision and identity with the mentee undertaking a new role**
  - To promote governance, ethical standards and relationships in the Council's affairs
  - To provide community leadership and promote active citizenship
  - To promote and support open and transparent government
  - To support, and adhere to respectful, appropriate and effective relationships with employees of the Council
  - To adhere to the Member's Code of Conduct, the Member/Officer Protocol and the highest standards of behaviour in public office
- **Personal and role development of the mentee**
  - To actively seek opportunities which support the personal and role development of the mentee

### **3 Likely qualities of a good Member Mentor**

- Demonstrates commitment to the values of the Council and the following values in public office:
  - Openness and transparency
  - Honesty and integrity
  - Tolerance and respect
  - Equality and fairness
  - Appreciation of cultural difference
  - Sustainability
  
- Is trained in the role of mentor and able to:
  - Give effective feedback
  - Develop rapport
  - Communicate well
  - Show an interest in developing others
  - Share their own experiences
  - Facilitate without instructing or steering
  - Create a supportive but challenging environment in developing others
  - Demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to the role

### **4. Values**

To be committed to and demonstrate the following values in public office:

- Openness and transparency
- Honesty and integrity
- Tolerance and respect
- Equality and fairness
- Appreciation of cultural difference
- Sustainability