

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
30 NOVEMBER 2017

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

ELECTED MEMBER LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide Members with the Elected Member Learning and Development Strategy for information.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 Elected Members have a wide range of roles and responsibilities that they are expected to undertake. The Elected Member Learning & Development Strategy provides a framework for the development of key skills and knowledge of all Elected Members and will assist in the achievement of all the following Corporate Priorities.

1. **Supporting a successful economy** – taking steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.
2. **Helping people to be more self-reliant** – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's Priorities.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Elected Member Learning and Development Strategy 2012-17 was approved by Council in 2013. It provided a framework which set out the structure of learning and development for all Elected Members from their election and throughout a term of office.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 6 September 2017, Council approved its intention to make a submission for the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Charter for Member Support and Development. One of the requirements of the Charter is for a Member Development Strategy to be approved by Council.

4. Current situation / proposal

4.1 A desktop review of the Strategy (attached as **Appendix 1**) has been undertaken to ensure that it is fit for purpose and updated to reflect a number of factors which have changed since the approval of the original Elected Member Learning and Development Strategy.

4.2 Following Council's decision to achieve the WLGA Charter for Member Support and Development, it is hoped that the changes to the Strategy will encourage appropriate attendance and participation in member development events.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

5.1 None.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 None.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendation

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the report and the Strategy attached as Appendix 1.

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Background Documents

None