

**Member Development Policy  
(Report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for the Panel to review and endorse the Council's Member Development Policy.

**2. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

- 2.1 Nationally there is a growing emphasis placed on the development of elected members, both as community leaders and in their varying roles with this forming a key line of enquiry as part of the Council's Use of Resources assessment. Huntingdonshire District Council fully recognises the key role its elected members have in contributing to the successful delivery of the Council's corporate plan 'Growing Success'.
- 2.3 In response to this, the attached Member Development Policy (Annex A) outlines the proposed approach the Council will take in the future with regard to developing its elected members.
- 2.4 Members of the Member Charter Working Group, which was set up in order to progress the Council's work towards the IDeA Charter for Member Development have reviewed and endorsed the Policy at their meeting on 1st March 2010.

**3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 Having a Member Development Policy in place is an essential requirement if the Council is to successfully achieve its ambition of achieving Charter Status in relation to supporting and developing its elected members.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Panel is recommended to approve the Member Development Policy as set out in Annex A.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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