



Cabinet

Item
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Report of	Democratic Services Manager	Author	Richard Clifford ☎ 507832
Title	Member Development Group Annual Report 2023-24		
Wards affected	'Not applicable'		

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of the Member Development Group is to provide a forum where members can advise on the planning, delivery and evaluation of member development activities. It is an all-party group and is chaired by the portfolio holder with responsibility for member development. The Group is required to report to Cabinet on an annual basis. This report meets this requirement and summarises the work of the Group during the 2023-24 municipal year. The Annual Report sets out information on the provision of member development, expenditure on the member development budget and the position on Councillor Development Charter Status.

2. Recommended Decision

2.1 To receive and note the report of the Member Development Group on the work of the Group in the 2023-24 municipal year.

3. Reason for Recommended Decision

3.1 The Member Development Group is required to report to Cabinet on an annual basis. This provides Cabinet with an opportunity to review the work of the Group and the provision of member development.

4. Alternative Options

4.1 No alternative options are presented.

5. Background Information

5.1 The Annual Report of the Member Development Group for 2023 -24 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. This sets out information about the background to the group and its terms of reference and composition. It summarises the main areas of work undertaken by the Group and provides information about the range of development activities undertaken by members of Colchester City Council in 2023-24.

6. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights implications

6.1 An EQIA for the councillor development policy has been prepared and can be accessed via the link below.

<http://www.colchester.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2290&p=0>

7. Strategic Plan References

7.1 Member development supports all the Strategic Plan priorities by promoting the skills and knowledge members need in order to fulfil their roles effectively.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 The Annual Report sets out expenditure against the member development budget for the 2023-24 municipal year. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Standard References

9.1 There are no particular references to consultation or publicity considerations or community safety; health and safety, environmental sustainability or risk management implications.

Appendix 1 – Member Development Group Annual Report