

From: Ben Watts, General Counsel
To: Selection and Member Services Committee, 29 March 2022
Subject: Monitoring Officer's Update
Status: Unrestricted

1. Introduction

- a) Over the last year this Committee has had numerous discussions about Member development and the way Members work at KCC. Some of this was about the optimum way of holding Member meetings in the backdrop of the evolving Covid-19 situation.
- b) As with previous meetings, I will provide Members with a verbal update on a number of current issues.
- c) What I would like to focus on for this short written update is the topic of Member development.

2. Member Development

- a) As agreed by County Council on 20 October 2020, the Terms of Reference of this Committee was updated and the Terms of Reference of the Member Development Sub-Committee reporting to it were agreed.
- b) Subsequently, several areas have been raised by the Committee as suitable for discussion at the Sub-Committee, including the consideration of the findings of the Member induction survey presented to this Committee last October, and suggestions for further development of the Members' area.
- c) Members are best placed to frame the shape and direction of Member development. On 18 October 2018, County Council adopted the Strategic Member Development Plan 2018-2021 and provided such a frame in the past, a copy of which is appended to this paper. The Sub-Committee was created to place these discussions on a more formal basis.
- d) Officers from across the Council stand ready to work with the Sub-Committee and in discussing and developing any future plans. However, for the meetings to be arranged and the Sub-Committee to begin its work, the membership needs to be confirmed

3. Recommendation:

The Selection and Member Services Committee is asked to:

1. NOTE the report

¹ <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s86882/Item%2013%20-%20Appendix%20-%20Strategic%20Member%20Development%20Plan.pdf>

2. AGREE that each Group Leader will provide a list of Members to sit on the Sub-Committee by 8 April 2022.

4. Background Documents

None.

5. Report Author and Relevant Director

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