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## **Introduction**

1. (1) At the Committee's meeting on 10 October 2007 it was agreed to establish an Informal Member Group to oversee the work required to achieve the South East Employers Member Development Charter.

(2) The Informal Member Group has met on two occasions since the last meeting of this Committee. The Group has given guidance on the self assessment we prepared for the Group (based on a template produced by the South East Employers Organisation) of where the County Council is now and what it needs to achieve before the formal assessment by the South East Employers Organisation is undertaken later in the process. The Group have also given guidance on what they would like to see included in a package of member training.

(3) A visit has been made to East Sussex County Council who have already successfully achieved the Member Development Charter. Colleagues in East Sussex were very helpful in providing information on how to approach the County Council's application and build up the portfolio of evidence on which the South East Employers Organisation will need to be satisfied before the Charter is awarded.

## **Member Development Policy and Strategy**

2. One of the key components of the Member Development Charter is the need for a Member Development Policy and Strategy. This is currently being prepared for consideration by the Informal Member Group and this Committee prior to its approval being sought by the County Council on 3 April 2008.

### **Recommendation**

3. The Committee is asked to note the report and looks forward to receiving the Member Development Policy and Strategy at its meeting on 26 March 2008 prior to its approval being sought from the County Council on 3 April 2008.

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