

**OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL****ELECTED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY****KEY ISSUE/DECISION:**

To approve the adoption and implementation of the Elected Member Development Strategy.

BACKGROUND:

1. In June 2007, the County Council approved an Elected Member Development Strategy, which set out the organisation's approach to providing support for Members in their role as modern County Councillors.
2. The Member Development Steering Group has revised the strategy, drawing on the experiences of the last four years, in order to update the county council's approach to the provision of personalised learning and development. In addition, the updated strategy clarifies the role of the Member Development Steering Group, sets out a process for evaluating the effectiveness of the learning and development activities and includes a framework of training for the four-year term of the council.
3. Appendix B of the strategy, the Member role descriptions, will be updated should County Council approve the additional profiles included at agenda item 14 on this agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Elected Member Development Strategy, attached at Appendix 1, be approved.

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Sources/background papers:

Elected Member Development Strategy June 2007

Agenda and minutes of the Member Development Steering Group meeting 12 July 2010.