

London Borough of Enfield

General Purpose Committee

14 January 2021

Subject: Member development sessions
Director: Jeremy Chambers, Director of Law and Governance.
Key Decision: N/a

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Members of the Committee on the proposed Member development sessions.

Proposal(s)

2. To note the upcoming member development sessions.
3. To consider and agree any topics which may be considered useful for the 2021/22 member development sessions.

Reason for Proposal(s)

4. The Member and Democratic Services Group previously endorsed the member development programme. Following the changes to the Council's committee structure the General Purposes Committee is asked to consider and agree the member development programme.

Relevance to the Council Plan

5. N/a

Background

6. Members attended sessions on modern slavery (9 attendees), county lines (12) and unconscious bias (26 attendees).
7. The proposed sessions set out below have been highlighted as beneficial by members and officers.

Date	Training	Room	Time
27 January 2021	Governance Presentation	Virtual	Tbc
10 February 2021	Local Plan workshop	Virtual	Tbc
25 February 2021	Planning	Virtual	tbc

3 March 2021			Proposed to cancel this session as it clashes with Cabinet
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8. More sessions will be arranged early next year according to member interest.
9. In addition to the member development programme, training opportunities from the Local Government Association and other equivalent organisations are available to members.
10. The majority of the training is undertaken internally using the expertise and knowledge of officers in-house thereby limiting the costs of the programme.

Main Considerations for the Council

11. To consider the above proposals.

Safeguarding Implications

12. N/a

Public Health Implications

13. N/a

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

14. The training and development provided to councillors helps them to provide a better service to their constituents enabling them to support local residents in developing stronger more sustainable communities.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

15. N/a

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken

16. There is a risk that members will miss out on beneficial training and development that will assist them in their duties and responsibilities as representatives of the Council.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

17. Attendance is sometimes low. In order to manage this risk calendar invites are sent to members along with reminder emails. These sessions are also put on the members newsletter.

Financial Implications

18. the cost of the member training and development is met from existing budgets.

Legal Implications

19. N/a

Workforce Implications

20. N/a

Property Implications

21. N/a

Other Implications

22. N/a

Options Considered

23. N/a

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Appendices

None.

Background Papers

No background papers