

## **STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Report to Cabinet**

**29 June 2021**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Appointment of Member Development Champion</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>Councillor Sybil Ralphs - Council Leader</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	<b>Linden Vernon - Senior Officer (Governance and Member Support)</b>
<b>WARDS INVOLVED:</b>	<b>Non-Specific</b>

#### **1. Reason for the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval for the appointment of an elected member to the role of Member Development Champion to lead the Council's Member Development Working Group.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That Cabinet appoints an elected member to the role of Member Development Champion.

#### **3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 The Member Development Working Group is a cross party group which aims to ensure that councillors are supported to deliver the Council's statutory and corporate obligations, objectives and priorities and to provide Members with the information they need to fulfil their roles.
- 3.2 The Group develops a programme of training and development opportunities for all councillors that is updated on a rolling basis with activities identified through a variety of channels. Learning and development opportunities should benefit councillors as individuals in their various roles and ultimately have a positive effect for the Council and the community.
- 3.3 An integral aspect of this approach is that the Group is led by a Member Development Champion (currently held by Councillor Shaw) who:
- Acts as an advocate for councillor training and development

- Works with both members and officers to deliver a councillor training and development programme which is member led and member owned.
- Encourages councillors to feedback to the Group any ideas or suggestions.
- Leads on and actively promotes the relevance and importance of the programme within the Council.
- Raises the profile of member development within the Council and actively encourages councillors to attend training and development events organised for them.

#### 4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1 An effective training and development programme for councillors helps to ensure that corporate priorities are met.

#### 5. **Alternative Options**

- 5.1 The Cabinet is recommended to select an elected member to the position of Member Development Champion.

Mark Trillo

**Executive Director - Governance and Commissioning**

#### **Web Links and Background Papers**

Annual Review of Councillor Development Reports  
(considered by the Council's Standards Committee)

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