

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2008-2009

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To present the Member Development Strategy for 2008/2009 to Committee for approval.

BACKGROUND

2. Last year the Council approved the Member Development Strategy for 2007 - 2008. The Strategy document includes:
 - The Council's Member Development Policy Statement
 - The Member Development Strategy
 - The Member Development Programme
 - The Terms of Reference of the Member Development Working Group
3. The Member Development Working Group has reviewed the 2007 – 2008 Strategy, and is submitting the revised Strategy document to Standards Committee for approval. It will then go to Council for final approval, and will at that point be adopted as the Council's Strategy for 2008-2009.
4. Since the 2007 – 2008 Member Development Strategy was agreed, the I&DeA / NEREO (North East Regional Employers Organisation) Member Development Charter and the Investors in People (IIP) award for elected Members have both been achieved. This has required a number of minor and consequential amendments to the Strategy, and these have been incorporated into the attached draft Member Development Strategy 2008 – 2009. Also, the Member Development Programme has been updated for the forthcoming year, along with the Member Development Budget.

- 5 Other than the minor amendments and the revised Member Development Programme mentioned in the above paragraph, it is the view of the Member Development Working Group that the previous Strategy is still relevant and appropriate for the forthcoming year. The amended Strategy document is attached at Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6 That the Standards Committee approves the Member Development Strategy and the draft Member Development Programme for 2008 – 2009, as attached at Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Member Development Strategy 2007 - 2008

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