

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

REPORT NO. CEX290

DATE: 9th May 2005

TITLE:	Member Development Forum on 23rd June 2005
COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	All
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	N/A
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	N/A

Purpose of Report

This report considers proposals for the Agenda for this annual training and development session.

Information

As all members of the Council are invited to this Forum it might be useful to explore the Council's priorities and obtain feedback and input from members on the action plans being implemented and progress being achieved. This could be secured by asking the relevant portfolio holders and CMT members to run workshops for each priority with Members of the Council rotating between them. The workshops could focus on the reasons why the subject was chosen as a priority, the work undertaken to understand the nature of the problem, the progress being made towards improvement and the targets set.

In addition to this, I have contacted Mark Edgell of the IDeA to ascertain whether there would be any senior member available from the Peer Clearing House who would be available to make a presentation on the day regarding the work undertaken by other local authorities to embrace the concept of local leadership as set out in recent ODPM documents such as Vibrant Local Leadership and Citizen Engagement : Why Neighbourhoods Matter.

Assuming the Member Forum runs from 9.30a.m. until 2.30p.m. with a break for lunch the content proposed will enable us to fill this timeslot and leave sufficient time available for a foreshortened Council meeting which may be necessary to deal with the approval of IEG 4.5 and any other urgent matter of Council business.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet determines the Agenda for the Members' Forum so that I can make necessary arrangements.

Duncan Kerr
Chief Executive