

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Joyce Slater, Training & Development Manager

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<b>TITLE:</b>	Councillor Development Charter
<b>FORWARD PLAN ITEM:</b>	N/A
<b>DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:</b>	N/A
<b>KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:</b>	N/A

<b>COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:</b>	Elected Member Development Cllr Frances Cartwright
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY:</b>	Supports all.
<b>CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:</b>	N/A
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:</b>	Unless exempt, this report is a public document and available from the Council's website: <a href="http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk">www.southkesteven.gov.uk</a>
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	Report to Portfolio holder HR & OD 75 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2005 Councillor Development Charter <a href="http://www.emrlga.gov.uk/networks/documents/REGIONALCOUNCILLORDEVELOPMENTCHARTER.doc">www.emrlga.gov.uk/networks/documents/REGIONALCOUNCILLORDEVELOPMENTCHARTER.doc</a> Change Management Action Plan HR Strategy Workforce Development Plan Local government Information Unit Charter 2000

## **1. INTRODUCTION OR SUMMARY**

1.1 The Deputy Leader made a non-key decision on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2005 to support the Councillor Development Charter. The decision authorised the Leader and Chief Executive to sign a statement of commitment to work toward the charter. One of the requirements of the Charter Statement of Commitment is to make a public announcement in the Council of the intention to achieve the Charter.

1.2 This report is the public announcement, so that all councillors are aware of the continued support for elected member development, within a good practice framework.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Council acknowledges the public commitment and actively supports elected member development within the Improvement & Development Agency Councillor Development Charter framework.

## **3. DETAILS OF REPORT**

The Commitment to the charter has the following requirements:

3.1 Commence work today toward the achievement of the Regional Councillor Development Charter (an Improvement & Development Agency framework supported by East Midlands Regional Local government Association).

3.2 Make a public announcement in Council of our intention to achieve the Charter

3.3 Identify a Councillor and an officer who will have the responsibility for ensuring that the work progresses. Councillor Moore and the training & development manager have been identified as the responsible people.

3.4 Put forward a Councillor and an officer to train as assessors to support the Council in working toward accreditation/ request external support from the region to enable the council to work toward accreditation.

3.5 Produce an action plan detailing how the council will work toward achieving accreditation.

3.6 Ensure the involvement of all councillors in our work towards accreditation work toward the achievement of the Charter.

## **4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED**

This is the only national standard and it superseded the Local Government Information Unit charter 2000.

## **5. COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES**

There are no changes to budget requirements arising from this commitment.

## **6. COMMENTS OF CORPORATE MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)**

No comments other than this supports the Councils decision to move forward with member development.

## **9. CONTACT OFFICER**

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