

**Teignbridge District Council  
Governance Committee  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Part i**

## **Annual Review of the Member Development Strategy**

### **Purpose of Report**

To review the Member Development Strategy.

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Committee RESOLVES to:

- (1) To consider any further developments to the Member Development Programme and delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make any changes.
- (2) To consider the addition of Safeguarding Training to the annual programme of training.

### **Financial Implications**

No financial implications arise from this report.

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### **Legal Implications**

No direct legal implications arise from this report.

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### **Risk Assessment**

No direct risk implications arise from this report. The report provides an opportunity to publish the training and briefing events that have taken place to aid transparency of the Council's activities.

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### **Environmental/ Climate Change Implications**

No direct environment or climate change implications arise from this report.

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### **Appendix**

## 1. Member Development Strategy 2025

### 1. Introduction/Background

The Governance Committee has an ongoing role to review the Member Development Strategy and the delivery of Member Development. The Member Development Strategy was agreed by the Governance Committee in October 2025.

As part of the agreed Member Development Strategy, the Committee are provided with a regular update on the completed training, learning and development opportunities.

The report provides Members the opportunity to review the document and suggest any further changes.

### 2. Main Body

The Member Development Strategy and annual training programme has been operational since its adoption and this is the first year of its operation.

At its meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Full Council agreed a recommendation that:

*There be a comprehensive training programme for all members to be reviewed annually and rolled out for all new members. This would include training on the code of conduct, the different role of members and officers, effective decision-making, chairing skills and understanding the constitution.*

The Council has an agreed Member Development Strategy and annual training programme, Members as part of this agenda item are asked to review the programme and consider further additions taking into account the recommendation from Full Council.

#### 2.1 Safeguarding Training

The Governance Committee previously discussed DBS checks for Councillors at its meeting in January 2026. At the time it was agreed a further report would be taken to the Committee.

Since that meeting, the Monitoring Officer and the Strategy and Policy Manager reported to SLT on the implementation of DBS Checks. SLT recommended that the Governance Committee instead agree to hold regular safeguarding training to address their concerns rather than agree to operate a DBS scheme for Elected Members. Refresher safeguarding training has been arranged for Members to take place in July 2026. This was also reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026 as part of the Safeguarding Delivery agenda item.

To consider:

- Whether to hold Safeguarding Training on an annual basis?
- If the training should be optional or mandatory for all Members?

### **3. Implications, Risk Management and Climate Change Impact**

Implications and risks are covered on page 1 of the report.

### **4. Alternative Options**

There is no legal requirement to have a Member Development Scheme, but it is considered good practice and helps to ensure Members have the skills and knowledge in carrying out their roles effectively.

### **5. Conclusion**

The Committee is asked to review the report and consider any further developments to the Member Development Programme.

