

Learning and Development Update

Training or Networking events held for Members since the last meeting of the Standards Committee:

♦ **Modern Councillor e-learning portal**

Members have been invited to make use of the Modern Councillor e-learning portal www.moderncouncillor.com which has been provided free of charge and will continue to be free of charge for the next 2 years.

♦ **Championing Community Involvement in Health and Social Care Workshop – 19 November 2007**

The session was attended by 12 Councillors and provided an opportunity to find out more about Local Involvement Networks.

♦ **Christmas Party for Staff and Councillors – 15 December 2007**

51 people attended; a mixture of staff, councillors and partners. The objective was to provide an opportunity for staff and Councillors to mix and “network in a relaxed and informal setting, but whilst the party was fairly well supported it is not as successful in meeting its objectives as the Christmas Quiz.

♦ **Christmas Quiz for Staff and Councillors – 21 December 2007**

Once again this was a really popular event attracting 15 teams each having 6 people and was an excellent means of staff and Councillors interacting in an informal setting. A requirement of entry was that each team should comprise of at least one Councillor and one member of staff.

♦ **Planning Committee Training – Highways and Transport in the Planning Decision Making Process**

The presentation covered highways and transport in the planning decision-making process and, in particular, issues relating to parking standards, road hierarchy, transport sustainability, public transport and transport policy.

At the next meeting of the Member Development Steering Group on 8th February, consideration will be given to the Member Training and Development 2008/09 programme and the new Members Induction Programme planned for May 2008.