

Recommendation to Council on 25 November 2010	From: Constitution Advisory Group	On 18 October 2010
	Consultation with the Leader on Member Development Matters	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendations:-	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that Part H3 paragraph 4.7.1 of the Constitution be amended as set out in Appendix A. 	
	Background	
2.	Currently, the Constitution provides for the Monitoring Officer to consult with the Lead Champion for Member Development and the relevant Group Leader before approving expenditure to enable Members to attend conferences, seminars and training courses. There is no formal involvement of the Leader of the Council in this process, save in her capacity as one of the Group Leaders.	
3.	The Council has a commitment to achieving the right levels of skills, competencies and good practices to achieve Member Development Charter status. The IDeA recommends that good practice would require a commitment by top political and managerial leadership to the development of elected Members. This suggests that the Leader should have the overall perspective on Member Development across the whole Council.	
4.	Constitution Advisory Group considered that the Constitution should be amended accordingly and the recommended changes are shown at Appendix A .	
Appendices	Appendix A	Sets out the section of the Constitution showing how it would change if Council approves the recommendation.