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| Title of Report: | Elected Member Development Chartered Steering Group |
| Committee Report Submitted To: | Corporate Policy and Resources Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 28 April 2026 |
| For Decision or For Information | For Information |
| To be discussed In Committee | No |

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| Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25) | |
| Strategic Theme | Leader and Champion |
| Outcome | |
| Lead Officer | Democratic and Central Services Manager |

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| Estimated Timescale for Completion | |
| Date to be Completed | n/a – ongoing |

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| Budgetary Considerations | | | |
| Cost of Proposal | NIL | | |
| Included in Current Year Estimates | N/A | | |
| Capital/Revenue | N/A | | |
| Code | N/A | | |
| Staffing Costs | | | |
| Legal Considerations | | | |
| Input of Legal Services Required | NO | | |
| Legal Opinion Obtained | NO | | |
| Screening Requirements | Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. | | |
| Section 75 Screening | Screening Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |
| | EQIA Required and Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |
| Rural Needs Assessment (RNA) | Screening Completed | Yes/No | Date: |
| | RNA Required and Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |
| Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) | Screening Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |
| | DPIA Required and Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the Elected Member Development Chartered Steering Group.

2.0 Background

2.1 At the 28 January 2026 Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting, it was agreed that the Elected Member Development Chartered Steering Group be progressed via quarterly reports at the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee for Members' consideration. These reports would replace the quarterly meetings of this group. This would not affect its chartered status.

3.0 Training Update

3.1 From January 2026 – March 2026, the following training opportunities were offered:

- 18 February 2026 - NILGA Civil Contingencies /Emergency Planning session
- 18 March 2026 - Effective Communication for Influence: Debating Skills for Councillors Workshop
- 24 – 25 March 2026 – Ending Violence Against Women and Girls - Shared Island Event (Association of Irish Local Government and Northern Ireland Local Government Association)

3.2 The AILG/NILGA event was attended by three Elected Members, who may wish to provide a verbal update on the seminar during the 28 April 2026 Corporate Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

3.3 In April 2026, the following training opportunities have been offered:

- 15 April 2026 - NILGA Personal Resilience and Handling Intimidation webinar for councillors.
Please note: This training session was cancelled due to low uptake. A briefing note will be developed and circulated to Councillors when available.
- 22 April 2026 - NILGA Leadership Development Programme for Councillors 2026 - Leadership of Place.

3.4 In April 2026, Members were invited to respond to a NILGA survey on Healthy Debate in Local Government. This is to inform the development of practical resources to support healthier debate between councillors, including a self-deliverable training pack, a short councillor guide and a model healthy debate

principles template. An update will be provided on this when it becomes available.

4.0 **Upcoming Training**

4.1 Members are advised that any upcoming training opportunities will be listed on the Members Portal: [Upcoming Training Opportunities | Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council](#)

4.2 The following training opportunities are currently listed:

- 20 May 2026 - Local Leadership – Allyship (Digital Workshop)
- 29 May 2026 - NILGA Leadership Development Programme for Councillors 2026 - Leadership with Partners - We're All in This Together
- 24 June 2026 - NILGA Leadership Development Programme for Councillors 2026 - Leading the Improvement of Outcomes
- 19 August 2026 - NILGA Leadership Development Programme for Councillors 2026 - Leading the Improvement of Efficiency and Service Delivery
- 25 September 2026 - NILGA Leadership Development Programme for Councillors 2026 - Developing Your Future Leadership Role

4.3 Subsequent to the Annual Meeting on 1 June 2026, the following training will be held:

- 2 June 2026 at 6pm [TBC] – Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair and Vice Chair Training
- Date TBC – Annual Planning Committee Training.

5.0 **Association for Public Services Excellence**

5.1 Local authorities in APSE membership from Northern Ireland benefit from a range of APSE advisory groups and events.

5.2 APSE has announced a new Armed Forces and Veterans Network. This new network will support Councillors and Officers who hold responsibility for ensuring support to Veterans and Armed Forces in their locality, with guest speakers from dedicated organisations including the Ministry of Defence and specialist topics including housing, employment and skills. APSE would especially encourage Councillors with responsibility for veterans and armed forces to sign up to receive invitations and updates from the network.

5.3 [Armed Forces and Veterans Network - apse](#)

6.0 Member Development

- 6.1 Members are asked to please advise Democratic Services of any training undertaken, to allow for training records to be updated.
- 6.2 Members are asked to advise Democratic Services of any training requirements or requests.

7.0 Recommendation

- 6.1 **It is recommended** that Members note the Elected Member Development Chartered Steering Group update.