

North Tyneside Council

Report to the Deputy Mayor

Date: 12th June 2019

ITEM

Title: Member
Development Programme
2019-2020

Portfolio(s): Deputy Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Bruce Pickard

Report from Service Area: Human Resources and Organisational Development

Responsible Officer: Janice Gillespie, Head of Resources (Tel: (0191) 643 5701)

Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

The Authority's Member Development programme ensures that Members are supported and fully equipped to represent the views of their Wards in order to improve and shape services for the future. Development opportunities also focus on ensuring Members are supported in continuously developing the range of skills needed in order to discharge their statutory duties for regulatory functions.

This report requests approval for Member Development Programme for 2019/20.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Deputy Mayor approves the Member Development Programme 2019/20

1.3 Forward Plan:

The report was included in the Forward Plan under the heading Human Resources 'Member Development Programme 2019/20'.

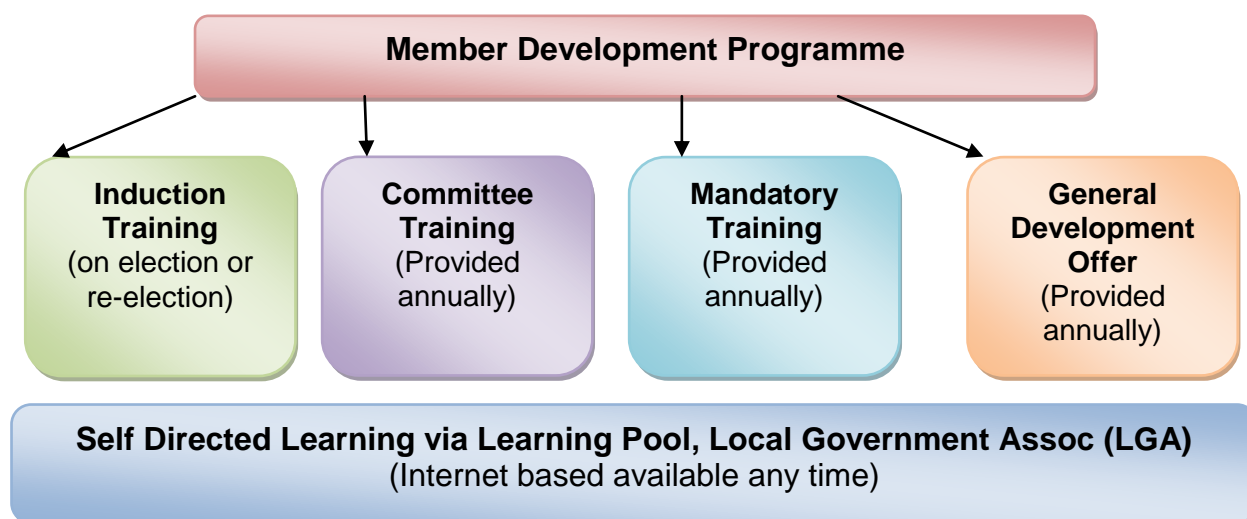
1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report outlines the development support for Members in their various roles which will enable the delivery of the priorities in the 2018-21 Our North Tyneside Plan.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

The Council's Member Development Programme offers training to support elected members within their various roles. The training includes:



The programme focuses on ensuring Members are supported and fully equipped to represent the views of their Wards in order to improve and shape services for the future.

1.5.2 The proposed Member Development Programme for 2019/20

The Programme is designed to ensure development opportunities remain flexible, allowing Members to engage in training at times that best fits their availability. The frequency required to engage in face to face learning has been reduced, and replaced with an online development offer.

Full details of the proposed Member Development Programme for 2019/20 are outlined in Appendix A.

1.5.3 Regulatory Committee Training

Elected Members must complete specific committee training in advance of attending committees/panels in order to sit as an appointed or substitute member on the Authority's regulatory committees. Training must be completed annually.

The Member Development Programme has been updated to state Elected Members are required to complete either a workshop or e-learning every 4 years, then for the following 3 years complete competency quiz questionnaire to meet the training requirements of the committee.

Session	Year 1	Year 2, 3 & 4
Planning Committee Training	Workshop or E-learning	Competency Quiz questionnaire
Regulation & Review Committee Training (including panels)	Workshop Or E-learning	Competency Quiz questionnaire

Session	Year 1	Year 2, 3 & 4
Licensing Committee Training (including panels)	Workshop Or E-learning	Competency Quiz questionnaire
Audit Committee	Workshop	Workshop

It is proposed that one workshop for each committee will be delivered to meet the training needs for regulatory training. Training is scheduled to reflect committee times within the programme of scheduled meetings. E-learning is available for Planning, licensing and regulation and review committee as an alternative should appointed/substitute members be unable to attend the date offered. One to one briefings will be arranged by Helen.mcmahon@northtyneside.gov.uk should Audit Committee member be unavailable to attend the annual training workshop.

Committee	Planning Committee Training	Licensing Committee Training	Regulation & Review Committee Training	Audit Committee Training
Date	4 th June 2019	22 nd May 2019	23 rd May 2019	tbc
Time	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	tbc

Elected Members will be notified by the Council's Learning Management System when training is due for renewal.

Full details of the regulatory committee training are set out on page 5 of Appendix 1.

1.5.4 Mandatory Training & Induction Programmes

The following training is mandatory and is monitored by Group Leaders and Council Officers. Mandatory training outlined below will be provided within an Elected Members Induction Programme. Newly Elected and re-elected members must complete all training within the induction programme as a minimum.

Learning Pool will notify Elected Member by email when mandatory training is due for renewal.

When	Type of Training	Session
Every two years or when the Code of Conduct changes	E-learning	Code of Conduct
Once per elected term	E-learning	Safeguarding & Sexual Exploitation
Once per elected term	Workshop	Corporate Parenting
Once per elected term	E-learning	Equality & Diversity

1.5.5 Annual General Member Development Offer 2019/20 (General training needs)

In consultation with appropriate officers and groups the following approach is recommended for general training delivery within the 2019/20 Programme:

- 2-3 development events scheduled throughout the year to reflect personal development needs identified from the elected member development survey
- ICT familiarisation to support elected members with the launch of new ICT initiatives e.g. modern.gov. This development will be delivered as identified within the ICT projects; and:
- Joint Cabinet member and senior leadership briefings. This will replace the member briefing programme and include subject specific member development activities. It is anticipated 3 joint briefings will take place per year.

Training offered from this programme is not mandatory; Members will be encouraged to attend sessions most appropriate to their skills and knowledge. It is proposed that the programme would be delivered by Cabinet members, officers of the Council and external training providers.

1.5 **Decision options:**

The following decision options are available for consideration by the Deputy Mayor:

Option 1

Approve the draft Member Development Programme 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A

Option 2

Not approve the draft Member Development Programme 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A and request officers to undertake further work and/or consultation.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.6 **Reasons for recommended option:**

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

If approved the programme can be implemented to ensure the training programme is offered to Members in a timely manner.

1.7 **Appendices:**

Appendix A – Member Development Programme 2019/20.

1.8 **Contact officers:**

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Bryn Roberts, Head of Law and Governance, tel (0191) 643 5339
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Claire Emmerson, Senior Manager Financial Planning and Strategy, tel (0191) 643 8109

1.9 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

North Tyneside Council's Constitution

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

The proposed Member Development Programme can be delivered within the allocated £8,000 workforce development budget.

2.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

Regular meetings have been held with officers from Human Resources and Law and Governance in preparation of this report.

Consultation with the Chief Executive and Head of Resources on proposals within the report has taken place.

Consultation with the Deputy Mayor on the proposals within the report has taken place.

2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

No external consultation is required as the scheme does not impact on members of the public.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

An equality impact assessment has been carried out to ensure the member development offer continues to meet the needs of all elected members. Equality and Diversity training is mandatory for all elected members.

2.6 Risk management

Any risk management issues will be included with the Authority's risk register and managed through this process. There are no anticipated risks associated with the Member Development Programme

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability implications directly arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive ☐
- Head(s) of Service ☐
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) ☐
- Chief Finance Officer ☐
- Monitoring Officer ☐
- Head of Corporate Strategy ☐

Member Development Programme 2019-20



North Tyneside Council

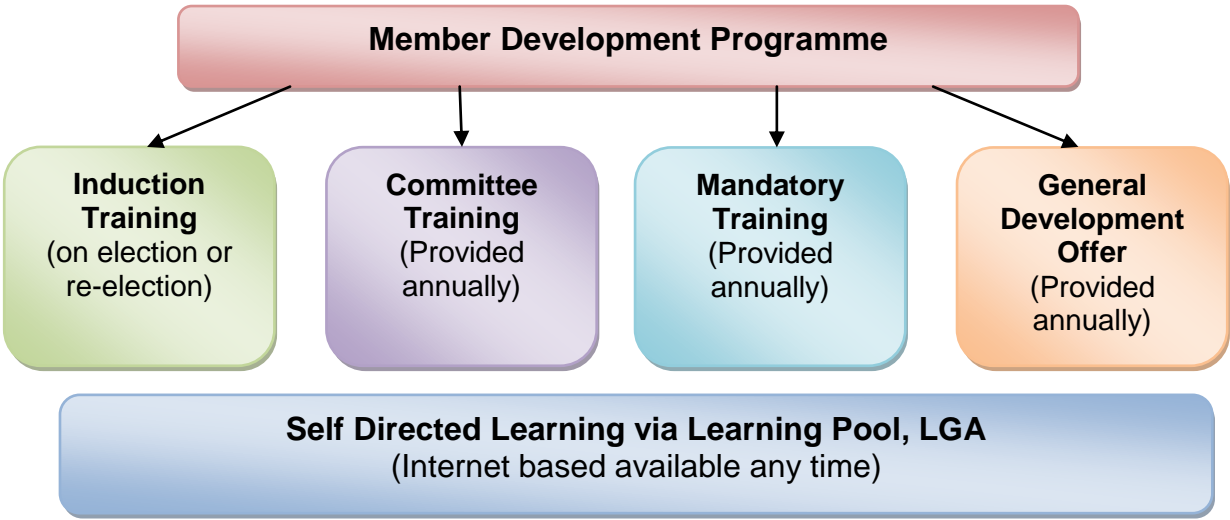
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Introduction

It is a priority of the Council to ensure Councillors are supported and fully equipped to represent the views of our community in order to improve and shape services for the future. Therefore we have made a commitment to ensuring our Councillors are supported in continuously developing the range of skills needed to be outstanding community leaders and advocates for the Council.

The Council provides training support in the following ways



This programme provide details of whole training offer to elected members.

Induction

All members on election (newly elected or re-elected) will be invited to attend a Councillor Induction Programme. Mandatory modules must be completed as a minimum by re-elected and newly elected members.

Workshop/training events

Programmed events will be scheduled on election members will be provided with a planner detailing all dates, times and venues for the following events.

Approx Timescale	Mandatory/ Optional	Session
Week 1	Mandatory	One-to-one with Customer & Member Liaison Officer
In advance of first full Council	Optional	Introduction to the Council Constitution
Week 2-3	Optional	Introduction to Council Services
Week 4	Mandatory	Code of Conduct
Week 6	Mandatory	Safeguarding & Sexual Exploitation
Week 8	Mandatory	Corporate Parenting
Week 10	Optional	Service Planning & Finance Introduction
Week 12	Optional	Lone Working & Managing Conflict
Week 12+	Optional	Council Finance and Budgeting

Online Learning

The following online learning modules are available to support Councillor induction, further details on how to access e-learning is available in the online/self directed learning section of this handbook.

Duration	Mandatory/ Optional	Module
40 Minutes	Mandatory	Equality & Diversity Aims to provide councillors with an increased awareness of equality and diversity within the Council's overall strategy and framework and to understand their role in supporting the Council in the delivery of an equitable quality of service to its employees and the community
50 minutes	Mandatory	Information Governance As a councillor there are many ways in which you will access and use data and information, this may include considering issues and making decisions as part of the Council's business, carrying out casework (in this instance you are the data controller) or as part of your political party e.g. canvassing. This learning will provide you with skills and information needed to manage data and information appropriately.
30 Minutes	Optional	ICT Security This module promotes good and safe practice about IT security when using Council computers. It helps users understand their individual responsibilities in relation to IT security as outlined within the Council's Information Computer Security Policy.
40 minutes	Optional	Dispensations Aims to raise awareness of the dispensations process, provide details on

		how to apply for dispensations and the factors the Standards Committee will take into account when considering an application for a dispensation. Please note that your registerable interest must be submitted within 28 days of election, therefore please review this module as soon as possible.
20 Minutes	Optional	Introduction to Social Media Explains what social media is, how it can benefit elected members and steps you can take to protect your self when using social media

Mandatory Training

The following training is mandatory and is monitored by Group Leaders and Council Officers.

When	Type of Training	Session
Every two years or when the Code of Conduct changes	Workshop or E-learning	Code of Conduct
Once per elected term	Workshop or E-learning	Safeguarding & Sexual Exploitation
Once per elected term	Workshop	Corporate Parenting
Once per elected term	E-learning	Equality & Diversity

Attendance/completion the above modules as part of the Councillor Induction programme will also meet the mandatory training requirements.

Regulatory Committee Training

Elected Members must complete specific committee training in advance of attending committees/panels in order to sit as an appointed or substitute member on the Authorities regulatory committees. Training must be completed annually.

Elected Members are required to complete face to face/e-learning once every 4 years and a competency quiz. In the subsequent 3 years elected members are only required complete an annual competency quiz to meet the training requirements of the committee.

Session	Who	Year 1	Year 2, 3 & 4
Planning Committee Training	Appointed members and/or substitute members	Workshop or E-learning	Competency Quiz
Regulation & Review Committee Training (including panels)	Appointed members and/or substitute members	Workshop or E-learning	Competency Quiz
Licensing Committee Training (including panels)	Appointed members	Workshop or E-learning	Competency Quiz
Audit Committee	Appointed members	Workshop	Workshop

Elected Members will be notified by the Council's Learning Management System when training is due for renewal. Training which is renewed on a regular basis is known as a 'certification'.

Committee Training can be found within the 'required learning' section of Learning Pool once a Councillor is logged into the Learning platform.

An example of a certification:

Information Governance - Certification

You are required to complete this program under the following criteria:

- Member of audience 'NTC all employees'.

You are currently certified - you do not need to work on this certification until the recertification window opens. Progress made before the recertification window opens will likely be lost. The recertification window will open on 31 January 2018, 5:00 PM

Date assigned: 13 December 2016

Due date: 31 March 2018, 5:00 PM

Progress:

Information Governance training is mandatory for all employees and must be refreshed every 12 months. Completion of the learning activities within this certification will meet your mandatory training requirement.

Original certification path

Information Governance

All courses in this set must be completed (unless this is an optional set).

Course name	Actions	Status	Mark complete
 Information Governance	Launch course	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Annual General Member Development Offer

This programme offers general development and training to support Councillors in their various roles. The programme is informed and considered by Deputy Mayor.

2019/20 Member Development Programme includes:

- Two general development training sessions identified by elected members
- ICT familiarisation to support elected members with the launch of new ICT initiatives e.g. modern.gov. This development will be delivered as identified within the ICT projects.
- Three joint Cabinet member and senior leadership briefings

Training sessions will be scheduled on allocated member development training where possible

	September	October	November	January	March
TIME	11	22	27	22	16
2.00 pm		Tbc	Tbc	Tbc	Tbc
6.00 pm		Tbc	Tbc	Tbc	Tbc

Online/Self Directed Learning

In addition to the above programmes Elected Member have access to various online and self study tools to support their personal development.

What’s Available:

Learning Pool – This is the Council’s online learning platform where you can get access to a range of e-learning modules written specifically for Councillors and Employees. All Councillors are registered with Learning Pool your log-in details can be obtained by Helen Davidson, Workforce Development Lead via email Helen.mcmahon@northtyneside.gov.uk. Or telephone 0191 643 5037. You can access Learning Pool via any computer with internet access via <http://northtyneside.learningpool.com>. Further guidance on accessing Learning pool is at the end of this section.

LGA Councillor Development Tools – The Local Government Association have developed a range of e-learning modules and workbooks specifically for Elected Members. These can be accessed free via <http://www.local.gov.uk/councillor-workbooks>. You need to register for your personal log in details by emailing elarning@local.gov.uk. Further guidance on how to access this service is available at the end of this section.

Online Resources List

Where	Resource	Type of Learning	Primary Audience
Learning Pool	ICT Security	E-learning	Elected Members & Employees
Learning Pool	Dispensations	E-learning	Elected Members
Learning Pool	Introduction to Social Media	E-learning	Elected Members
Learning Pool	Information Governance	E-learning	Elected Members & Employees
Learning Pool	Planning Committee Training	E-learning	Elected Members
Learning Pool	Licensing Committee Training	E-learning	Elected Members
Learning Pool	Regulation & Review Committee Training	E-learning	Elected Members
Learning Pool	Introduction to Equality & Diversity	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Tackling Racial Discrimination	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Basic Autism Awareness	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Communication Skills	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Meeting Skills	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Presentation Skills	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Prevent Awareness	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Lone Working	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Resilience	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Coaching	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Management	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	In your hands Child Trafficking	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Child Sexual Exploitation	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Safeguarding Children	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Mental Health Awareness	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Down Syndrome Awareness	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Learning Disability Awareness	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Epilepsy Awareness	E-learning	Employees
Learning Pool	Faith & Belief	E-learning	Employees
LGA	Councillor Induction	E-learning	Elected Members
LGA	The Effective Ward Councillor	E-learning	Elected Members
LGA	Facilitation and Conflict Resolution	E-learning	Elected Members
LGA	Handling Complaints for Service Improvement	E-learning	Elected Members
LGA	Licensing & Regulation	E-learning	Elected Members
LGA	Policy & Crime	E-learning	Elected Members

Where	Resource	Type of Learning	Primary Audience
	Panels		
LGA	Scrutiny for Councillors	E-learning	Elected Members
LGA	Effective Ward Councillor	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Supporting constituents with complex issues	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Stress Management & Personal Resilience	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Performance Management	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Neighbourhood and Community Engagement	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Media & Communications	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Influencing Skills	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Health & Safety in the Council	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Handling Case Work	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Facilitation and Conflict Resolution	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Influencing Skills	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Media & Communications	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Effective Member and Officer Relations	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Scrutiny of Finance	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Joining the Chain Gang – Preparing for the Role of Mayor	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Engaging Young People	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Business Planning	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Chairing Skills	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Community Leadership	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Community Safety	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Creating a ‘Fit for the Future Organisation’ the Political Dimension	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Councillors Guide to the Health System	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Climate Change	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Handling Complaints for Service Improvement	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Introduction to Planning	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Taxi and PHV	Workbook	Elected Members

Where	Resource	Type of Learning	Primary Audience
	Licensing		
LGA	Gambling Regulation	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Community Events	Workbook	Elected Members
LGA	Scrutiny for Councillors	Workbook	Elected Members

Accessing Learning Pool

What is Learning Pool?

Learning Pool is an online learning platform that hosts a number of online learning modules. Learning Pool can be accessed via any computer with internet access, you do not need to log in to the Council's system to access the platform.

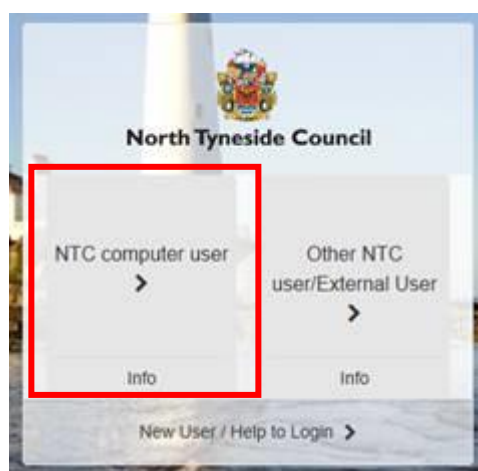
You can access Learning pool via <http://northtyneside.learningpool.com>

New to online learning? Your instructions to get you started

How to access the online training course (it may be helpful to print these instructions when accessing the course for the first time)

- You will need your Council device and internet access
- Go to the following website <http://northtyneside.learningpool.com>

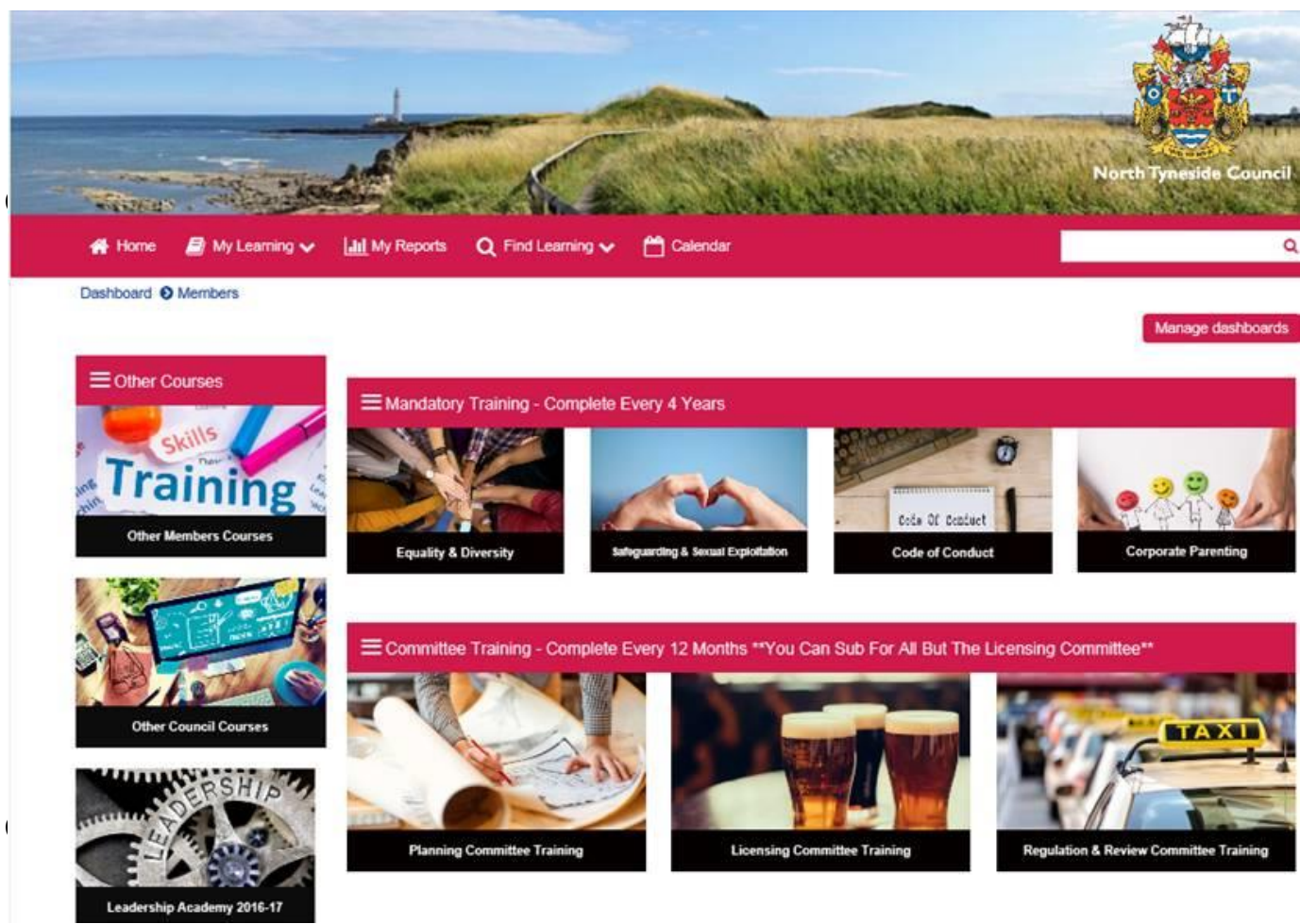
Click NTC User



When accessing Learning Pool outside of a Council building you will need to sign-in with your computer username and password.

Your username is: This is the same as your council computer user name e.g. **hdav1912**
Your password is: **your council computer password**

Your home page will look similar to the example below:



Click an icon to enrol on to a course, view information and complete e-learning/quiz's.

To start e-learning open the e-learning - expand the e-learning tag and clicking the box to launch the module . (see below)

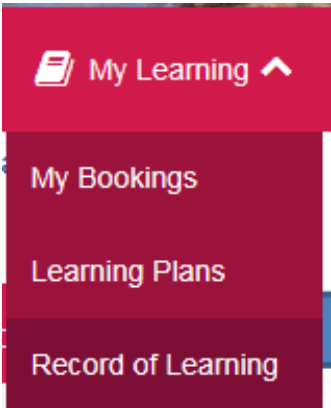


How to check your record of completion

If you wish to check your online learning progress or completion follow these instructions:



Login to Learning Pool using your unique username and password (as detailed above)

From the home screen click 'Record of Learning' with the 'My Learning' section



You can then view the courses complete and the date of completion, as an example:

Page: 1 2 3 4 (Next)

Type	Course Title	Progress	Course completion date
	BMS: Introduction	<div><div></div></div>	21 Dec 2010
	Effective Writing 2010	<div><div></div></div>	12 Aug 2010

Help and Support

Please see attached some frequently asked questions to help you make best use of the Learning Pool platform

Contact Helen McMahon via email Helen.mcmahon@northtyneside.gov.uk if you need any help or support to access online learning.

Frequently Asked Questions about Learning Pool

1. I've forgotten my password, what should I do?

If you have forgotten your password, click on the forgotten password link underneath the log in box. Fill in the required details and this will generate a new password which you will receive via email.

2. What is e-learning?

eLearning courses can be accessed from anywhere you have internet access.

The e-Learning courses are not intended to replace the existing classroom training you receive, they are intended to enhance the opportunities available to you. There may be times when you need to quickly refresh your memory about a topic or only have a couple of queries which do not require you to attend a full training session or there may be mandatory courses you are required to complete within a set time frame.

3. How should I go about choosing a course?

Usually you should discuss the courses that will most benefit your personal development. You may wish to browse through the courses on offer within the Member Development category, by browsing through the other eight categories or using the course search box on the home page. Some courses are designed as quick refreshers or as a point of reference.

4. Do I need to do any preparation before starting a course?

Before starting any course you should make sure you have a clear space in your diary and you will not be disturbed. You should also check the course length and ensure you have adequate time available.

To access the courses in learning pool, you will need to enable pop ups. If you have not already done this, go to the menu bar and click Tools. Scroll down to Pop-up Blocker and select Turn Pop-ups Off.

5. How do I access a course?

Once you have logged in, if you know the category of the course you require, click on the icon from the homepage. If not, click on Find Courses. Click on the course title of the course you require which will then take you to the specific Course content.

6. What if I want to stop working through a course and return to it later?

The benefit of learning pool is that you can revisit a course as many times as you like in order to complete it. However, we recommend most courses should be completed in two sessions.

To exit a course at any time, click on Menu, located in the bottom left corner of every page, which will take you back to the course contents. Click on Exit, to leave the course and return to the Course Homepage. Your course and completed sections will be saved in your profile and will be available the next time you log in.

7. How do I know if I have completed a section of a course?

As you work through the different sections of the course you will be able to see from the Menu page the sections you have completed, the sections half-completed and those still to do.

8. How can I find out if I have any incomplete courses?

The My Course Progress box is available on the right hand side once you have logged in. By clicking on My Progress, you will see a list of courses you have started and completed.

9. Will anyone else see any quizzes or tests that I have completed?

No. Where there is a requirement for you to complete a quiz or test, this cannot be accessed by others. However, a management report may be produced at a later date to identify results.

10. What happens if I fail a course?

Should you not achieve the required score for a test or quiz, you will be asked to repeat it automatically.

11. Can I print a course out?

We recommend that you don't print out courses, as this can only be done on a page by page basis. All courses are available to return to at any time by just logging in with your learning pool username and password.

12. I completed a course a while ago. Can I return to it?

The benefit of Learning Pool is that courses are available at all times. That means, even if you completed a course months ago, you can still refer back to it. This can be done either by clicking on the My Progress link in the My Course Progress section, or by searching for the course in Find Courses.

13. Can I access Learning Pool from home?

Yes, learning pool can be accessed from home.

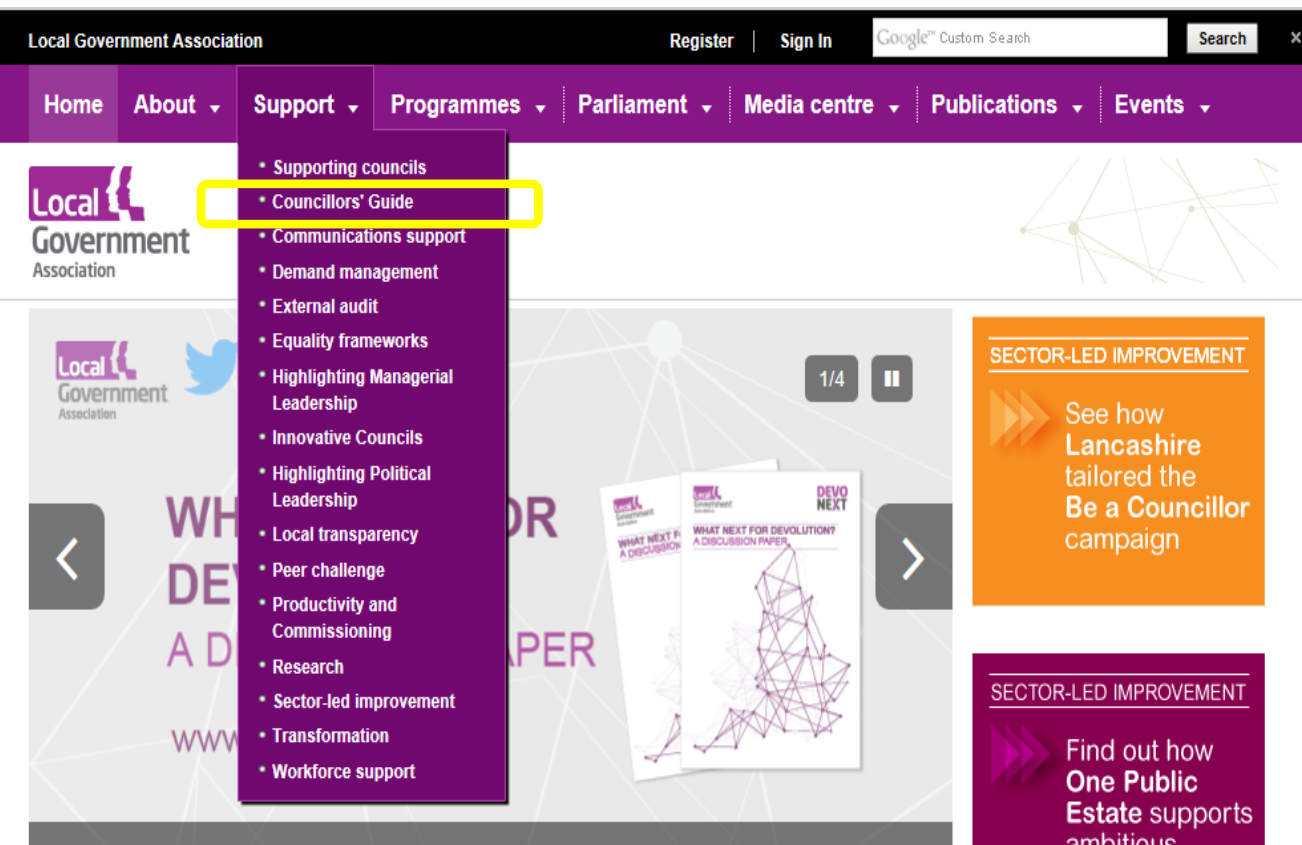
Accessing LGA Councillor Development Tools

The Local Government Association offers a wide range of development resources to Councillors.

How to access Councillor Workbooks


- You will need a computer with internet access
- Go to the following website www.lga.gov.uk

Click **Support** then **Councillors Guide**




The page details a list of resources available

Click **Distance Learning Resources**




From the Chairman

LGA Chairman Lord Porter of Spalding on being councillor and the unique opportunity to make a real difference to the communities you represent.




The councillor's role

As a democratically elected local representative, you are in a privileged position. Find out how you have the potential to make a real difference to the lives of your constituents.




Distance learning resources

Find out about our online councillor workbooks and e-learning modules available to all new councillors.




Community leadership

The LGA's range of political leadership development programmes helps to support and develop councillors ensuring our local politicians are confident and capable; well equipped and well supported to make a difference.



Communication

An essential part of being a good councillor is knowing how and what to communicate with different audiences. These key principles will help you carry out your role more effectively.



What does it mean to be a councillor?

What does being a councillor actually involve? And how rewarding can the responsibility be? Find out by reading the testimonies of serving members.

A list of Councillor Workbooks are available:

Councillor workbooks



Effective ward councillor



Working with town and parish councils



Supporting constituents with complex issues




Stress management and personal resilience

How to access Councillor LGA e-learning


Follow the instructions as above

Click **Distance Learning Resources**




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Click on the e-Learning Link as detailed below. Please note you must register by emailing elearning@local.gov.uk to be able to access this resource.


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Distance learning resources

The LGA has produced a series of distance learning materials, covering a number of topics, in the form of workbooks and e-learning modules. Both resources are aimed at all councillors and will be particularly useful to new councillors.

In this section, you will find links to a series of distance learning Councillor workbooks covering a number of topics, as well as a dedicated e-learning platform to assist councillors with their development. Based on our community leadership resources, the modules have been established to help support and develop councillors ensuring our local politicians are confident and capable; well-equipped and well-supported to make a difference, deliver and be trusted.

E-learning

As part of the LGA's commitment to supporting effective political leadership, and as part of our Highlighting Political Leadership offer, there is a dedicated e learning platform to assist councillors with their development. Based on our community leadership resources, the modules have been established to help support and develop councillors ensuring our local politicians are confident and capable; well-equipped and well-supported to make a difference, deliver and be trusted.

To receive access to the site for the first time, please email elearning@local.gov.uk

To receive a user name and password. Once you have done this, you will be able to access the site by clicking the hyperlink below:

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Contacts

If you have any questions or queries in relation to Member Development contact Helen McMahon, Organisational Development Officer, via email Helen.mcmahon@northynteside.gov.uk

Personal Training Record

Councillor attendance at Council offered events will be recorded within your Learning Pool account. Should you wish to keep your own records through out the year, please see below a template that can be used to record useful information.

Name _____ Year _____

Role(s)_____

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