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Wards Affected	None	28 th February 2018	
Title	COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT CHARTER – STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To reaffirm the Council's Statement of Commitment in relation to the Councillor Development Charter.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 Thirteen years ago Kettering Borough Council resolved to sign up to the East Midlands Regional Councillor Development Charter. A cross-party Member Development Working Group was set up and meets regularly to ensure the Council maintains the high standards required in order to meet the criteria for reaccreditation, which takes place every three to four years.
- 2.2 One of the requirements of the Charter is that the Council makes a regular Statement of Commitment prior to the reaccreditation process, in which the Council undertakes to:
- Continue to work towards the achievement of the Regional Councillor Development Charter Re-Accreditation (which is due for reassessment in 2018)
 - Make a public announcement in the Council of our intention to achieve the renewal of the Charter
 - Continue to ensure we have a Councillor and an officer who will have responsibility for ensuring that the work progresses
 - Ensure the Councillor and officer are trained as assessors to support the Council in working towards re-accreditation and are engaged with regional development opportunities, networking and support
 - Produce a continuous improvement action plan detailing how the Council will work towards achieving reaccreditation
 - Ensure involvement of all Councillors in our work towards reaccreditation

3. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Objectives for award of the Charter contribute to and provide external accreditation for the development and delivery of a comprehensive member

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training and support programme in accordance with the Council's Learning and Development Policy.

4. **USE OF RESOURCES**

Costs of reaccreditation of the Councillor Development Charter can be met from existing resources.

5. **RECOMMENDATION**

- (i) that the Council's Leader and Managing Director sign the Statement of Commitment to the East Midlands Regional Councillor Development Charter; and
- (ii) the Head of Democratic and Legal Services be authorised to make the final submission for reaccreditation of the Councillor Development Charter to East Midlands Councils as soon as is practicable in 2018.