



Events and Information for Members

LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK – OCTOBER - WE NEED YOU!

We are asking for Members support for Local Democracy Week, a national event which will take place 9 – 13 October.

This year we have contacted schools with information to promote democracy amongst young people, briefing notes for both [teachers](#) and students have been circulated please see below for details:

[School Teachers Briefing Pack](#)
[Information for Students.](#)

The aim is to educate young people about what local democracy means for them and to encourage them to be more actively engaged (for example, being aware of registering with the Electoral Roll to enable them to vote when they reach age 18).

It would be really helpful if as local Members you could approach schools in your area to arrange a visit to tie in with Local Democracy Week, perhaps to host an assembly/ mock vote or a politics lesson as examples. Member Services are happy to supply a briefing note for any Members who wish to attend a school for this purpose (for more details please email democracy@buckscc.gov.uk).

MEMBER INDUCTION – DATES STILL TO COME

Thanks to all who have attended the Member Inductions programme thus far. Remaining sessions in the programme are as follows:

Date	Title	Time	Venue
Wed 20 Sept	Social Media Skills Aim: For officers to showcase ways in which Members can use social media to communicate with residents, to support the County Council's digital strategy	14.00 - 16.00	Mezz 3
Thurs 5 Oct	Public Service reform and the impact on elected Members - External Facilitator	14.00 – 16.00	LDR
Wed 8 Nov	Role of Members in Commissioning Aim: To understand the Commissioning framework at the County Council and the Member role	14.00 - 16.00	Mezz 2
Wed 22 Nov	Personal Resilience for Members Aim: To provide advice on managing challenging workloads, conflicting priorities and dealing with difficult interactions - External Facilitator	14.00 – 17.00	Mezz 3

If you have any queries or feedback on any aspect of the training then please contact Member Services, please reply to meeting invitations where possible.

MEMBER BRIEFINGS

Member Briefings are a way of Business Units engaging with Members about current and upcoming issues. They typically take place once a month at County Hall in Aylesbury. With digital resources becoming more accessible, we will be trialing a series of online briefings which will be available via the Member Zone for you to view in your own time. Members will receive invitations to those face to face briefings still to be held and notifications when new online videos are available.

Date	Topic	Time	Venue
Wed 5 Oct	Emergency Plan	10.00-12.00	Mezz 1
Mon 23 Oct	Children's Services	14.00 – 16.00	Mezz 2
Wed 1 Nov	Brexit	14.00 – 15.30	Judges Lodgings

OUT AND ABOUT

To continue to provide opportunities for Member Development a programme of "Out and About" visits is being devised. To support this as well as the continued work as part of the Ofsted Improvement programme, Members of the Children's Social Care and Learning Select Committee have been invited to:

- After Care Team Meetings
- Visit the Children's Residential Home in Aylesbury
- Attend We Do Care Council events/focus groups
- The Children's Safeguarding Board
- An Adoption Panel

Some visits have already taken place with more taking place in September, October and November. A number of Members of the Select Committee also attended the Looked After Children and Care Leavers Celebration Event on 30 August.

There will be a further opportunities for Select Committee Members to visit the Catch Team and other social work teams during the Autumn and a further reminder will be going to Members again about those listed above.

Pilot visits to other areas of the organisation, open to all Members, will be advertised in due course. For more details please contact democracy@buckscc.gov.uk

MEMBER ZONE

Please don't forget to check Member Zone for all updates

<https://intranet.buckscc.gov.uk/member-zone/training-and-resources/member-briefings/>

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