

Appendix One: Elected Member Development Charter Level 2 – Summary of evidence required

Evidence of the application demonstrating that:

1.

- The work done relates to an issue that directly affects the community, and (ideally) is recognised by the community.
- Development of elected members has been explicitly targeted to address the member development needs identified around the community issue.
- Elected members recognise which elements of learning and development were directly related to the issue.
- Elected members can identify changes in their skills, knowledge and expertise on the issue before and after member development took place.
- There has been an improvement on the community issues, and there are clear links between the member development done, and the outcomes, which are recognised by members themselves.

2.

- Statements and assertions must be backed up by evidence, including references for the sources of evidence.
- A range of different types of evidence is provided from a range of different sources, e.g. a mix of examples or case studies, statistics, and documentary evidence, including material from elected members, officers, residents, and partners.
- Evidence is provided for the situation for the council and the community before the work took place, and afterwards.
- All evidence provided stands up to a reasonable challenge from someone not involved in the work.

3.

- Any changes to strategy, policy, procedures and structures have led to a practical difference for the community.
- The impacts are advanced enough to have resolved the original issues, or can be shown to have achieved significant milestones.
- Outcomes described in the application are recognised by a range of stakeholders.