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## ‘MENTORING TO SUPPORT LOCAL LEADERSHIP’ EVENT

### 1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides details of a national event being held at the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds on Wednesday 22 March 2006 to provide Councillors and local authority officers with responsibility for Member development information about ‘The National Councillor Mentoring Programme for England’, which is being supported through The Office of The Deputy Prime Minister's (ODPM) Capacity Building Fund for Local Government.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The purpose of this event is to:-

- Support Councillors and officers responsible for developing and delivering Member development with information about Councillor mentoring activities.
- Consider how investing in mentoring can complement existing leadership and member development work, other learning strategies within all types of local authority and periods of change in the authority including elections and change of control.
- Focus on mentoring as a prime means of building leadership capacity to support the process of recovery and continuous improvement and increase role effectiveness and performance of Councillors in the leadership of the authority and the communities they represent.
- Contribute to case study and panel discussions and draw upon how mentoring activities can serve to increase individual and group training and skills development, support induction for newly elected members and develop the leadership role.
- Draw upon the skills, knowledge, political experience and commitment of IdeA Councillor peer mentors currently working as a 'community of interest' across the local government sector role.
- Learn from case study mentoring practice in local authorities and hear how mentoring can be tailored to meet the particular challenges and opportunities that face leaders but also young Councillors, women Councillors and Councillors from minority ethnic groups.

2.2 Members are asked to consider whether the Council should be represented at this event and, if so, to identify who should attend.

2.3 Given its time and location, attendance at this Event will involve an overnight stay in Leeds.

**3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Event is free of charge with a £50 penalty for non-attendance. There will be a cost for travel and overnight accommodation.

**4 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

Whether the Council should be represented at the above Event and, if so, to identify who should attend.

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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