

## SCRUTINY & POLICY PANEL

### Project Scoping Template

<b>Scrutiny Topic</b> (Name of review)	To explore effective development opportunities and support for Members.
<b>Rationale</b> (Purpose and objectives of the scrutiny review)	<p>This is a strategic topic that can help look at how the Council can work more effectively with Members – particularly on consultation and engagement.</p> <p>Engagement and consultation on Council matters is most valuable when Members have had effective training, both as part of their initial induction as well as their ongoing development.</p> <p>There is a need for more effective Member consultation and engagement on key matters. Examples of these are member training, IT provision, civic engagement, The Hub building and Member facilities.</p> <p>There is also a need to look at how we support Members and investigate how a Member Development Group might work.</p>
<b>Key Lines of Enquiry:</b> (Focus of the review)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review Member Development strategies at other councils and explore what might be needed at ELDC, including possible introduction of a Member Development Group;</li> <li>2. Review the induction process and how it can be refined to ensure better attendance;</li> <li>3. Review the ongoing training offer to ensure it is meeting the needs of Members;</li> </ol>
<b>Indicators of success</b> (desired outcomes, what should change as a result)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New Member Development Group formed</li> <li>➤ New Member Development Strategy agreed</li> <li>➤ Improved take up of training opportunities</li> <li>➤ Improved Member engagement</li> </ul>
<b>Approach/methodology</b>	<p>Internal witnesses: DCX Corporate Development (Christine Marshall), AD – Governance (John Medler), Scrutiny &amp; Policy Officer (Rebecca James), Democratic Services Manager (Ann Good)</p> <p>External witnesses: Democratic Services Managers for Boston and South Holland</p> <p>Resources: policies / strategies from other authorities, previous training plans</p>
<b>Liaison Officer</b>	Ann Good / John Medler
<b>Timescales</b>	Start date: October 2024 End Date: December 2024 Target Overview meeting: January 2025 Target Council meeting: February 2025