



meeting Administration Committee

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REPORT OF SERVICE MANAGER (MEMBER SUPPORT)

LABOUR GROUP WORKSHOP

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek approval for funding of a development workshop for the Labour Group.

2. Background

- 2.1 Officers of the Labour Group appreciate that moving into opposition represents a significant change in the role of members of the group. They also recognise the importance to the good governance of the council of ensuring that the opposition group operates in an effective and constructive manner.
- 2.2 Consequently they are proposing to arrange a facilitated development workshop which will allow the group as a whole to consider its new role and responsibilities, to develop a better understanding of the role of an effective and constructive opposition, and begin to develop an approach.
- 2.3 Discussion have been held with possible facilitators and a proposal has been received from IdeA with which the officers would wish to proceed. The proposed facilitation team would include: Marcus Coulson, who is an Improvement Manager at IDeA and is an experienced facilitator and consultant to organisations and who would be responsible for the design of the workshop; and an experienced IDeA Labour Member Peer who would bring their knowledge and skills to the workshop.
- 2.4 It is proposed to hold the event at a community venue in Nottinghamshire.
- 2.5 The estimated costs are:
 - a) Workshop design and facilitation - £1,650
 - b) Hire of premises, refreshments etc £290

3. **RECOMMENDED**

It is recommended that

- I. Approval be given to a Labour Group workshop as set out in the report

David Ellis
Service Manager (Member Support)

Service Director (Finance) Comments

The cost of the workshop can be met from the budget for Members Training & Development. (MB 21/09/09)

Legal Services Comments

Administration Committee is the appropriate body to deal with the matters set out in this report. (SLB 17/09/09)

Background Papers Available for Inspection

Proposal from IDeA dated 30th July 2009

Electoral Divisions Affected

All