

EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN 2015 - 2023



CASE STUDY

ENABLING COMMUNITIES

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT CHARTER

Waveney District Council is committed to continuous learning and development for its Councillors; and to its Member Development Charter.

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COMMITMENT TO COMPREHENSIVE MEMBER DEVELOPMENT



WHAT WE DID?

As a result of its Member Development Programme and excellent support to councillors, Waveney District Council has once again retained the coveted 'gold standard' Charter Plus Award for Elected Member Development.

Charter Plus for Elected Member Development is awarded to councils for their continuous commitment to councillors' learning and development needs.

This accreditation, developed by the Local Government Association and the nine regional employers' organisations, requires councils to show commitment and a strategic approach to member development.

The Council was awarded Charter Plus status in 2009 and subsequently achieved successful reaccreditation in 2011, 2013 and 2017.

This highlights the Council's commitment to meeting the East of England Charter Plus for Elected Member Development standards including:

- Commitment to councillor development
- Strategic approach to councillor development
- Learning and development is being used to build capacity
- Supporting councillors as leaders of their local communities

WHY WE DID IT?

Waveney District Council's members seek to serve the communities they were elected to represent and the Waveney district as a whole to the best of their ability. Councillors also have a key part to play in achieving the shared vision set out in the East Suffolk Business Plan. The Council is committed to ensuring that all members have the necessary skills and knowledge to enable them to effectively carry out their community leadership roles. This commitment supports the Business Plan objectives of Enabling Communities, Financial Self Sufficiency and Economic Growth.



**COUNCILLORS
ARE WELL
INFORMED, WELL
ENGAGED & WELL
PREPARED.**

THE DIFFERENCE THIS MADE?

Waveney District Council offers a comprehensive learning and development programme, which is clearly effective in building community leadership. Through the accreditation process, members highlighted examples of development opportunities that had either personally benefitted them, or where they had seen positive changes in others.



"I am delighted Waveney has been recognised again, as being at the forefront of Member Development. We have moved light years from where we started. This is proof of just how far the Council has come in a short space of time and that the Council is developing its Councillors for the future."

**CLLR MARK BEE, LEADER OF WAVENEY DISTRICT
COUNCIL & CHAIRMAN OF THE
MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP**