

## **CHARTER PLUS RE-ASSESSMENT SUCCESSFUL**

20 July 2011

**Waveney District Council has successfully passed the re-assessment process for maintaining the 'gold standard' Charter Plus Award for Elected Member Development**

Charter Plus for Elected Member Development is a similar accreditation to Investors in People (IIP) and is awarded to Councils for their constant commitment to Councillor's learning and development needs. The Council was originally presented with the award in November 2009 but Councils are required to evidence ongoing commitment at an 18 month re-assessment interval.

As part of the evaluation process, Councils are required to show commitment and a strategic approach to Member development that promotes work / life balance.

Mark Palmer, Development Director for South East Employers said: "The Council continues to demonstrate innovation and leadership commitment in respect of Member Development. We were particularly pleased to see the collaboration and shared approach with Suffolk Coastal District Council."

Councillor Colin Law, Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Member Development Steering Group said: "Successfully maintaining Charter Plus status recognises Waveney District Council's ongoing commitment to Member development across all political parties in order to promote and enhance Member performance in increasingly difficult financial times. We are proud of what we have achieved and will continue to uphold the highest standards for Member Development".

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