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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 FEBRUARY 2010

Statement from: CIIr B G Singleton, Deputy Leader and Executive

Member Development

The Member Development Group has decided that one of the core elements of training that the Council needs to focus on for 2010 will be in the aspects of "Leadership in the Community".

Four sessions have now been agreed which started on the 25th January, which was fully subscribed, for all other dates may I refer all members to the Development notice board in the members' room for further details.

I bring to the attention of members the regional conference 'After Copenhagen' which was held at the Epic Centre on the 26th January regarding 'Tackling the causes and Effects of Climate Change'. The Group felt this was an important seminar, as there was a small charge it was agreed by the committee to subsidise the cost to any members whom attended.

The Group has agreed to pursue Charter Plus with a target date of November 2011, to coincide with the reassessment of the Charter awarded in 2008/9. Charter Plus is a higher grade certification for member development.

County Restaurant

This has now been refurbished the result has been well received with the Restaurant being used more frequently following the improvement of food availability and the change to the opening times At the same time the toilets and the Newland Room were also refurbished.

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Lincolnshire County Council website (LCC Connects) has held on to the much sought after Internet Crystal Mark for another year. The accolade is given in recognition of the council's dedication to plain English. It comes after the council's site went through its annual review to ensure the standards are upheld. The report was very positive describing the site as "Well thought out, well designed and comprehensive. Congratulations to the web development team.