



Chelmsford and Modern Councillor

Chelmsford Borough Council has recently begun offering Modern Councillor to its Councillors. Read what Member Development Officer Marie Russell thinks of the e-learning service from Learning Pool.

Where did you hear about Modern Councillor?

I heard about Modern Councillor at a Learning Pool event. I was enquiring about the service for our council when I found out that Building Capacity East had already purchased the service on our behalf!

What course/s have you looked at?

I have looked over all the courses available in the catalogue and look forward to the latest instalment.

What do you think of the courses?

I really enjoyed the courses. The information is interactive which made it much more exciting and interesting to view. This service gave me a better understanding of the duties of a councillor and each course helped improve my understanding of specific topics.

In your opinion does this form of training have any benefits over classroom training?

Yes, there are hundreds of benefits. The information is available at your finger tips which is great if you are unsure about a particular area.

I am not the biggest fan of reading and the courses were broken down into bite sized sections allowing me to do one section at a time, which is great.

I can leave the training and come back at a later time to do the next section, which is perfect for my lifestyle. I feel it would benefit any councillor in a similar position.

Would you recommend Modern Councillor to a Councillor?

Definitely yes. As a member development office I am actively trying to get more councillors involved.

I believe if more Councillors tried this type of learning they would make the switch to e-learning in an instant!