WDCO Awayday, January 2027: proposal to the WDCO Board, 15th November, by Adrian Essex

Adrian is asked on 17 November to agree a one-day awayday on Saturday 16 January 2027, away from the estate, with two subjects and no more than three commitments coming out of it. Spend is up to the £2,400 in the budget.

Decisions requested

1. Agree Saturday 16 January 2027 (fallbacks 23 January, if not we can look at possible dates in February) at a venue off the estate, spending up to £2,400.
2. Agree the two subjects below.
3. Ask Roda to confirm whether Paul Bragman, who facilitated in 2025, is available, and to look elsewhere if not.
4. Name one Board member, other than the Chair, to arrange the venue and keep the action list.
5. Put the awayday on the 10 December Board agenda, to confirm date.

Why

The Board's way of working changed after the January 2025 awayday, but the follow-up lapsed: the Code of Conduct and values left no trace in the minutes, and the action list was not kept up. The day also gives members a real part in shaping how the Board works, which is worth having in itself.

What the day covers

1. **Partners.** Choose no more than three asks to press in 2027 and who leads each, including when to go direct to senior people.
2. **The Board itself.** What works and what does not; how to share the load now carried by the Chair and Executive; whether the 2025 values still stand; and the conventions of meetings, namely courtesy and the Chair's authority to run them.

The day ends with no more than three actions, each with an owner and a date.

Arrangements

- **Who:** All Board members.
- **Other attendees**: Does the Board want the ITLA staff at the Awayday?
- **Afterwards:** a one-page record within 48 hours, for the 21 January Board. The same Board member keeps the actions, which are reviewed at the April 2027 Board.