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<b>PART A:</b>	<b>MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS</b>
<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>14 FEBRUARY 2013</b>
<b>REPORT OF THE:</b>	<b>HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES CLARE SLATER</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request a response from the Policy and Resources committee in terms of its acceptance, rejection or deferral, with reasons, of each recommendation made by the scrutiny review report into the role of the Council in supporting a sustainable voluntary and community sector, made to this committee.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members of the committee consider each recommendation made to the Policy and Resources Committee made in the scrutiny review report into the role of the council in supporting a sustainable voluntary and community sector deciding to accept, reject or defer each one and giving their reason for each.

### **3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council presented the recommendations made following the scrutiny review of the role the Council should play in supporting a sustainable voluntary and community sector to the Policy and Resources Committee. Subsequent to the consideration of the report of the review, at Council on the 10 January members resolved:

‘That Council receives the report. It calls upon the Policy and Resources Committee, the Commissioning Board and the management team each to consider the recommendations applicable to them. Could each decision to adopt / defer / reject be given with the requisite reasons. This is to be achieved by the July Full Council or preferably sooner.’

### **4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS**

- 4.1 There are no significant risks in considering this report.

## **5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertook and scrutiny review of the role the Council should play in supporting a sustainable voluntary and community sector. The review involved engagement with a range of stakeholders, the detail of which can be found in the report attached at annex A.
- 5.2 The report of the scrutiny review was presented to the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 6 December 2012 who accepted the report and its recommendations.

## **REPORT**

### **6.0 REPORT DETAILS**

- 6.1 On the 10 January members resolved:

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- 6.2 The recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the Policy and Resources committee are as follows:

#### **Key Recommendation**

**The contribution of the Voluntary and Community Sector is highly valued in Ryedale. The Council should help to sustain the Voluntary and Community Sector by providing financial and officer support.**

#### **Recommendations to Policy & Resources Committee**

1. Grant schemes should be streamlined making it easier for organisations to access and, all decisions should be made by one panel i.e. the CIF panel.
2. Development officers are essential in helping to develop projects within the voluntary and community sector and this role is highly valued by the sector. The Council should continue to provide development officers and continue to support their provision within the voluntary sector.
3. The Council should make it clear what its funding priorities are and what outcomes it is trying to achieve.
4. The Council should ensure that it is clear with all contracts and grants what it expects and monitor/evaluate/performance manage the outcomes accordingly ensuring Value for Money in the investment made.
5. Maintain a small grants element in all grant programmes.
6. The Council should take every opportunity to co-ordinate funding and evaluation processes with other funding bodies, for example, lists of projects

supported and case studies illustrating the impact of the funding awarded should be published on the Council website.

7. The Council should use every opportunity to promote and champion Ryedale and all that it has to offer. It should also support, celebrate and recognise the value and contribution of the voluntary and community sector.
8. When considering future budget decisions, the Council must recognise that the funding available to the VCS to meet the needs of communities in Ryedale is reducing. The Council has a role in championing the needs of Ryedale with other funders.

## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The following implications have been identified:

- a) Financial  
None to report
- b) Legal  
None to report.
- c) Other  
None to report.

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### **Background Papers:**

Scrutiny review report into the role of the Council in supporting a sustainable voluntary and community sector.

**Background Papers are available for inspection at:**

None.