RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO:	**FULL COUNCIL**
DATE:	**7 MARCH 2013**
SUBJECT:	**PART 'B' REFERRALS FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 14 FEBRUARY 2013**

114 Ryedale Development Fund

Considered – Report of the Head of Economy and Infrastructure.

Recommendation to Council

That Council is recommended to approve that:

(i) RDF funding be allocated for the following:
a) Ryedale Employment Initiative £150K
b) RDC Apprentice Scheme £100K
c) Ryedale Business and Skills Initiative £20K
d) Ryedale Major Projects £100k;

(ii) the distribution of funds under the 'Ryedale Employment Initiative' be made by the Council following an assessment of applications by the Policy and Resources Committee;

(iii) that the RDC apprentice scheme (subject to further detailed information being placed before this committee at its next meeting) and 'Ryedale Business' and 'Skills Initiative' as outlined in the report be implemented; and

(iv) RDF funding towards the development of 'Ryedale Major Projects' be considered through a report to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee, with a recommendation to Council.

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115 Committee Responsibility for Planning Policy Recommendations

Considered – Report of the Head of Planning and Housing.

Recommendation to Council

That Members recommend to Council the changes to the Constitution outlined in Annex A to transfer responsibility for making recommendations to Council on Planning Policy from the Policy and Resources Committee to the Planning Committee.

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116   Member Information and Communication

Considered – Report of the Council Solicitor and Head of Health and Environment.

Recommendation to Council
That Council be recommended to approve that: (i)   all Members who wish to communicate electronically via e mail with the Council must use Ryedale issued equipment and Ryedale email addresses with effect from 15 May 2013 provided that each member, by that time, has been issued with a laptop hybrid. (ii)   subject to sufficient funding being identified, all members will be issued with laptop hybrids before the start of new civic year; (iii)   all papers for meetings, committees and working parties of Council will be sent to members electronically, if possible, with effect from 1 October 2013; members should avoid the printing of such documents where possible, and may choose to receive papers electronically before the deadline; (iv)   officers to organise the procurement, testing, and training of the new equipment in consultation with the member Champion for IT; and (v)   a report will presented to the policy and resources committee on the 26 September 2013 detailing the future IT strategy and investment of the Council