

Scrutiny Review of Members Involvement in Outside Bodies and as Member Champions - <a href="#">Link to final report</a>	
Recommendations – Meeting of Council 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	Progress as at 2 June 2015
1. That the following outside bodies be removed from the list: Supporting People NY Joint Committee (agreed at Annual Council on 16 May 2013), Endowment Governors Charity called Malton School, LG Yorkshire & Humber Elected Members Cohesion Group (agreed at Annual Council on 16 May 2013), Rural Action Yorkshire (formerly YRCC);	The list of outside bodies was updated in preparation for Annual Council in May 2014. The outside bodies to be removed have been notified. The website was updated at the end of the 2013/14 municipal year.
2. That substitute representatives be appointed for outside bodies, where their governance arrangements permit,	Implementation completed at Council on 4 September 2014
3. That a précis from Member representatives on outside bodies be published on the website following each meeting	Implementation completed 4 September 2014
4. That appointments to outside bodies be for four year terms, from 2015 onwards to coincide with the District elections, subject to an annual review by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to address any issues with attendance or publication of précis;	This action was implemented in May 2015 at the meeting of Annual Council.
5. That nominations of representatives to outside bodies should be made by Council based on their skills and expertise, in addition to attendance records, and that Members be asked to provide an oral statement of this upon nomination.	The implementation of this recommendation was completed at Council on 4 September 2014. Skills and expertise should now form the basis for nominations going forward.
6. That the Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to review allowances payable to representatives on outside bodies, where a payment is currently made;	This matter has been considered by the Independent Remuneration Panel and recommendations included in their report.
7 That all Members note that any representative on an outside body cannot be involved in any financial or regulatory decision taken by the Council that relates	This resolution reinforces the requirements set out in the Members' Code of Conduct, in the Council's Constitution. No further action is required.

to that body.	
<b>Scrutiny Review of the Role the Council Should play in Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector</b> <a href="#">Link to final report</a>	
<b>Recommendations – O&amp;S 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012</b>	<b>Progress as at 2 June 2015</b>
<b>Key Recommendation</b> <b>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.</b>	All recommendations have been considered by the committee to whom they were addressed. Budget provision for community grants was removed as part of the budget making process for 2013/14 by Council. It was then resolved at the meeting of the Commissioning Board on 6.6.13 to establish a new Community Grants Budget.  The Community Grants Working Party makes recommendations to the Policy and Resources Committee and has a budget of £45,000 for 2015/16.
<b>Recommendations to Commissioning Board</b>	
1. The Council should undertake a review of how it core funds organisations with a view to commissioning/contracts ensuring continuity for organisations and giving notice of any changes in line with the North Yorkshire Compact. This allows organisations to employ people and plan for the future.	Commissioning Board accepted this giving the following reason: The Council core funds a very limited number of organisations and this review would reflect the approach agreed at Commissioning Board held on 24 January 2013 to core funding of the Ryedale CAB. Reviews now completed for CAB, RVA and Ryecat to establish the commissioning relationship. Each of these grants is now awarded with a service level agreement in place.  A review is being undertaken of the funding relationship with CAB following recent additional funding awarded at Council. CAVCA has been invited to attend the June meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. Core funding should be for a longer time with more notice of change (ie 4 months minimum), linked to commissioning/procurement processes	Commissioning Board accepted as this is in line with the principles within the North Yorkshire compact.
3. Investigate how the Council could help support Ryedale Voluntary Action to encourage volunteering in the Ryedale area.	Commissioning Board accepted as this is consistent with the decision of the CIF Panel to support RVA volunteering services.
<b>Recommendations to Policy &amp; Resources</b>	

<b>Committee</b>	
4. 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.	Policy and Resources accepted this recommendation subject to the deletion of “the CIF Panel” and the addition of “the Commissioning Board and to be confirmed by Full Council”
<b>Recommendations to Commissioning Board and Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b>	
5. 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.	<p>Commissioning Board accepted this recommendation, recognising that development workers are intrinsic to the delivery of Commissioning Board activities, subject to any wider consideration regarding the Council’s budget</p> <p>Policy and Resources accepted this recommendation with the following reason: Taking account of the additional information presented regarding expenditure on development workers, the Policy and Resources Committee recognises the benefits and financial leverage achieved through these roles.</p>
6. The Council should make it clear what its funding priorities are and what outcomes it is trying to achieve.	<p>Commissioning Board accepted this recommendation as this approach is consistent with good practice in budgeting and grant making.</p> <p>Policy and Resources accepted this recommendation</p>
7. 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.	<p>Commissioning Board accepted this recommendation as this approach is consistent with good practice in budgeting and grant making. Members welcomed the introduction of additional monitoring of outcomes, subject to available resources.</p> <p>Policy and Resources accepted this recommendation</p>
8. Maintain a small grants element in all grant programmes.	Commissioning Board accepted this recommendation, recognising that small scale grants are intrinsic to the delivery of Commissioning Board

	<p>activities, subject to any wider consideration regarding the Council's budget</p> <p>Policy and Resources accepted this recommendation</p>
<p>9. 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.</p>	<p>Commissioning Board accepted this recommendation as this approach is consistent with good practice in budgeting and grant making. It was noted that the extent of such activities would be subject to resources available.</p> <p>Policy and Resources accepted this recommendation</p>
<p>10. 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.</p>	<p>Commissioning Board accepted this recommendation as this reflects current practice at the authority and is a key role of an elected member.</p> <p>Policy and Resources accepted this recommendation</p>
<p>11. 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.</p>	<p>Commissioning Board accepted this recommendation and it was noted that Members considered that the Council already does this at every opportunity.</p> <p>Policy and Resources accepted this recommendation</p>
<p><b>Recommendations to Management Team</b></p>	
<p>12. The Council should ensure that any changes to the services it provides are clearly communicated to all those affected. This includes maintaining lists of key contacts for all services on the Council's website.</p>	<p>Management team accepted this recommendation with work ongoing to improve the information available on the Councils website.</p>

13. Investigate better use of the Council's website for communicating and advertising events on behalf of the voluntary and community sector.	Management team accepted this recommendation and the Head of Economy and Infrastructure is investigating future options for improvement with their team.
14. Undertake joint member and officer training regarding funding schemes, priorities and processes for those members and officers directly involved with grant making.	Management team accepted this recommendation and training will be arranged for any funding schemes offered by the Council in future
15. Investigate the possibility of supporting VCS organisations with specialist skills available within the Council.	Management team accepted this recommendation. Support for organisations is currently being explored.
16. Review to be undertaken to define the members roles as champions and board members of voluntary and community organisations.	Management team accepted this recommendation and this was included in the terms of reference for the scrutiny review into members involvement with outside bodies.
<b>Scrutiny Review of Post Offices 2010-11</b>	
<b>Link to final report</b>	
<b>Recommendations - O&amp;S 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011</b>	<b>Progress as at 2 June 2015</b>
1. That the Committee responds to the Department of Business, Innovation & Skills' consultation document on the mutualisation of the Post Office.	Response to the consultation sent by the Committee in December 2011.
2. Officers continue to work on options for front office for local government with Post Office Ltd.	<p>Council agreed to the bar coding of all council bills to enable more options for payment of bills including council tax for more residents. HCS to met with representative of PO ltd to discuss the latest position with regard to the network transformation programme and receive an update on the position in Ryedale 1.12.14.</p> <p>Council Tax bills issued by the Council are now bar coded to enable payment at any post office. The Council presence in market towns is kept under review. The collection rate for Council Tax has been maintained following the bar coding</p>

	of bills.
3. Accept any opportunity presented by Post Office Ltd to work in partnership.	Officers continue to work in partnership with PO Ltd. Ryedale has been included in a joint Post Office LGA strategic engagement and the report of this can be found here: <a href="http://www.postoffice.co.uk/sites/default/files/Political_Stakeholder_Pathfinder.PDF">http://www.postoffice.co.uk/sites/default/files/Political_Stakeholder_Pathfinder.PDF</a>
4. Undertake further research on the mobile/hosted and home service.	Survey undertaken in May 2012 with Cllr Janet Sanderson. Results show that although the majority of people would have preferred to see the local branch still open – the mobile service, however, was an acceptable alternative.
5. Provide feedback to the Post Office regarding their website and how it could be improved for rural areas.	Meeting held with Post Office Ltd and copy of Review document discussed.