



REPORT TO: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE: CORPORATE DIRECTOR (s151)
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TITLE OF REPORT: ATTENDANCE AT POLICY COMMITTEES

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with a draft rota for attendance to observe at policy committee meetings and to agree guidance to assist this process.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 For Members to agree the draft rota for attendance and the accompanying checklist and for these to be incorporated within the Council's Scrutiny Handbook.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 One of the four key legislative roles of the Committee is holding the Executive to account. In Ryedale's case this means examining the policy committees minutes, forward plans in detail and using call-in or other mechanisms to comment or intervene in the decision making process. In order to be effective in this it has been previously agreed that Members of the Committee would take turns to attend both the Policy and Resources Committee and the Community Services and Licensing Committee/Commissioning Board for the purposes of observation. Subsequently, Full Council agreed that this be an approved duty for Members of this Committee.

- 3.2 Attached at Annex A is a draft rota for Members consideration.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Members have previously agreed a rota for attendance at policy committees. Guidance and an accompanying checklist have been produced to help Members with this important process.

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