



# Ryedale District Council

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**REPORT TO:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**DATE:** Thursday 3 July 2008

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**SUBJECT:** Progress on Scrutiny Review  
Recommendations

**WARDS AFFECTED:** All

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## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members on progress on the previous Scrutiny Reviews undertaken by the Committee. This report is an update on that provided in February 2008.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. That Members note the report and agree the actions as set out in the report.

## 3.0 REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny has undertaken a wide range of reviews over the past few years. A summary of the recommendations arising from these reviews and the progress that has been achieved to date was presented to the Committee when it met on the 21 February this year. This report is a further update on further progress.

### a) Review of Agricultural Land Drainage – July 2004

The Land drainage liaison group is meeting again on a regular basis. There is strong attendance from the Internal Drainage Boards and the Environment Agency but representation from other stakeholders is limited.

An interim report on the Channel Management Scoping Study was presented to the group at the last meeting and this was well received. The scoping study is examining the key issue that drove the Review of the maintenance of the river system in the Vale of Pickering. It is anticipated that a Final Report will be available in October. In order that this reach as wide an audience as possible it is suggested that all

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Members of the Council are invited to the meeting when the report is presented.

**b) Review of Leisure Services - February 2006**

The Community Leisure Working Party has met regularly to ensure that wherever possible and practical the recommendations of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee are put into effect, in consultation with the Community Services & Licensing Committee. A number of actions have been taken to progress the recommendations:

- a Member Champion for Sport and Leisure was appointed at May Full Council;
- the Community Project Officer (Sport and Leisure) has been appointed following a moratorium;
- the NRLC Strategic Facilities Management Committee has begun meeting again;
- the two-year agreement with Community Leisure Ltd is due for review in June 2008. The Scrutiny Committee have been requested to consider undertaking this review on behalf of the Community Services and Licensing Committee.

**c) Review of Public Conveniences - April 07**

The facilities at Wentworth Street, Malton and Staxton Brow have been re-opened. No alternative provision has been identified at Rosedale Abbey. The facilities do not comply with the Disability Discrimination Act and a number of options need to be presented in due course to the Community Services and Licensing Committee, along with a programme of refurbishment of this and all other facilities.

**d) Review of Value for Money - April 2007**

The report has been accepted. A new approach to Value for Money needs to be developed and revised to incorporate the 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review.

**4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

Progress on the implementation of the agreed outcomes from previous reviews is noted and Members are asked to agree the actions as set out in the report.

**Background Papers:**

None

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