

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 13 December 2012

Present

Councillors Cussons, Mrs Shields (Vice-Chairman), Wainwright (Chairman), Ward and Windress

In Attendance

Audrey Adnitt, Neil Irving (Assistant Director of Policy and Partnership NYCC), Peter Johnson, Clare Slater and Max Thomas (Director and Head of Internal Audit Veritau).

Minutes

188 **Presentation on the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Police & Crime Panel**

Mr Neil Irving, Assistant Director (Policy & Partnerships) for North Yorkshire County Council gave a presentation on the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Police and Crime Panel.

189 **Apologies for absence**

Councillors Arnold, Mrs Hopkinson and Raper.

190 **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4 October 2012**

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 4 October 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

191 **Urgent Business**

The Chairman advised that there was one item of urgent business.

192 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

193 **Treasury Management Mid Year Review**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151)

Decision

That the report be received and the mid year performance of the Council's funds be noted.

194 **Independent Auditors Report**

Considered – The report of the independent Auditor Paul Thompson ACA on behalf of Deloitte LLP Appointed Auditor.

Decision

That the report be received.

195 **Deloittes - Annual Audit Letter on the 2011/12 Audit**

Considered the Annual Audit Letter on the 2011/12 Audit from Deloittes.

Decision

That the report be received.

196 **Internal Audit - Quarter 2 Monitoring Report**

Considered – The report of the Corporate Director (s151).

Decision

That the results of the audit and fraud work undertaken in 2012/13 be noted.

197 **Customer Complaints Quarter 2 2012/13**

Considered – report of the Customer Services and Benefits Manager

Decision

That the report be received.

198 **Risk Strategy Annual Review**

Considered – Report of the Head of Corporate Services

Decision

That Members note the content of the annual review of the Risk Management Strategy and the deletion of the action relating to the appointment of a Member Champion for Risk.

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Scrutiny Review Scoping Report - Role of Members on Outside Bodies and as Member Champions

Considered – Report of Head of Corporate Services

Decision

That the scope for the review be as follows:

- To review the list of outside bodies and consider if representation on all of them is beneficial to the Council and Ryedale.
- To find out more about the outside bodies on which RDC is represented including remit of body, frequency, timing and venue of meetings, any trustee role and requirements, phone and email contacts, and websites.
- To explore the use of the modern.gov. committee management system to best effect to provide more information about outside bodies to both members and the public.
- To consider any conflicts of interest for Members by sitting on outside bodies where they undertake a trustee role and how this may impact on members decisions making role within the Council.
- To consider ways of making more information about the activities of outside bodies accessible to Members.
- To understand the role of member champions and review the themes of these.
- To estimate the cost of representation on outside bodies to the Council and identify the value this may add for the Council and Ryedale.
- To investigate how we can ensure Members appropriate skills are used when assigning Members to organisations.
- To consider whether appointments to outside bodies should be political.
- To prepare a recommendation for Council on if and when these appointments should be political.

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Decisions from other Committees

The minutes of the Commissioning Board meeting held on the 22 November 2012 and the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 6 December 2012 were presented.

Decision

That the minutes be received.

201 **Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.**

The Chairman reported on a request received to investigate if the service provided by Ryecare was 'fit for purpose'.

The Head of Corporate Services advised that initial discussions had taken place with both the Head of Planning and Housing and the Housing Services Manager, and they had reported that although Ryecare worked well, there was a reliance on the agencies it called out to also perform well.

The Housing Service Manager would attend the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide further information.

The meeting closed at 8pm.