



PART A:	MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS
REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	21 FEBRUARY 2013
REPORT OF THE:	COUNCIL SOLICITOR ANTHONY WINSHIP
TITLE OF REPORT:	SCRUTINY REVIEWS PROGRESS REPORT – ‘THE ROLE OF MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND AS MEMBER CHAMPIONS’
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on progress with the scrutiny review of the Role of Members on Outside Bodies and as Member Champions.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

- (i) The revised terms of reference, attached as Annex A and recommended by the Scrutiny Review Task Group, be adopted for the review; and
- (ii) Progress with the review be noted.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To keep the Overview and Scrutiny Committee informed of progress with the review it has commissioned.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 No significant risks have been identified at this point but this will be reviewed as the review progresses.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 This review links into corporate aim 5 (to transform the Council) and strategic objectives 9 (to know our communities and meet their needs) and 10 (to develop the leadership, capacity and capability to deliver future improvements).

5.2 The consultation planned is detailed in paragraph 6.2 below.

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

6.1 The Scrutiny Review Task Group considered the documents provided to them, which were:

- Scope of the review (as agreed at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 13 December 2012)
- Terms of reference for the review (as attached to the report to the above Committee)
- List of outside bodies and representatives for 2012/13
- Feedback from Members on their roles on outside bodies (gathered Feb-March 2012)
- List of Member Champions for 2012/13
- Member Champion role description

6.2 They then discussed next steps for the review, which principally were conducting surveys of both Members and outside bodies to seek views and information. A series of questions were suggested for inclusion in each of these surveys. In addition, information was requested from other North Yorkshire District Councils on the role of Member Champions at those authorities.

6.3 During the course of the discussions, some amendments were suggested to the scope of the review. These were to allow the review to look at organisations which receive Council funding but do not have any Council representation on them, and to focus on paperless methods of making information available about outside bodies. These amendments are indicated in the revised terms of reference attached as Annex A of the report, and which the Committee is asked to adopt.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The following implications have been identified:

- a) Financial
None
- b) Legal
None
- c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental, Crime & Disorder)
None

8.0 NEXT STEPS

8.1 The Scrutiny Review Task Group will meet again on 6 March 2013 to consider the information gathered.

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Background Papers:

As detailed in paragraph 6.1.

Background Papers are available for inspection at:

Ryedale House, Malton or www.ryedale.gov.uk.