



REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	11 APRIL 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 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the progress with the review be noted.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 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 An update on the consultation is included in paragraph 6.2 below.

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

6.1 The Scrutiny Review Task Group met on 6 March 2013 and considered the documents provided to them, which were:

- Revised terms of reference for the review (as agreed at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 21 February 2013)
- Information received to date from Members who are representatives on outside bodies
- Information received to date from Members who are Member Champions
- Information received to date from outside bodies
- Information from North Yorkshire District Councils on Member Champions (including a copy of Ryedale's role description)
- Details of funding given to external organisations
- Details of expenses claimed by representatives on outside bodies

6.2 They then discussed next steps for the review. It was agreed that hard copies of the consultation forms be tabled for Members at the Full Council meeting on 7 March 2013 and that a further letter be sent to outside bodies, in an effort to boost the response rate from both groups. The Group requested that some analysis of the results be undertaken and presented to the next meeting for consideration.

6.3 A copy of the terms of reference for the review are attached as Annex A of the report.

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 16 April 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.