



REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	27 JUNE 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 members:
- (i) note the progress with the current review;
 - (ii) note the progress report for previous scrutiny review recommendations; and
 - (iii) provide at least two topics for the next scrutiny review for which officers will provide a scoping report to a future meeting of the Committee.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To keep the Overview and Scrutiny Committee informed of progress with the review it has commissioned.
- 3.2 To keep the members of the committee apprised of the progress with implementing recommendations made following previous reviews. See table attached at Annex B
- 3.3 To enable members to prepare for the next scrutiny review and for officers to provide background information to inform any future decision on the topic.

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 section 6 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 The Scrutiny Review Task Group met again on 16 April 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)
 - Summary and detailed information received from Members who are representatives on outside bodies
 - Summary and detailed information received from Members who are Member Champions
 - Summary and detailed information received from outside bodies
 - List of responses and non-responses
- 6.4 They then discussed potential recommendations arising out of the feedback received and identified one outstanding area for their consideration at the next meeting, relating to interests and outside bodies.
- 6.5 The Scrutiny Review Task Group then met on 21 May 2013 to discuss declarations of interest in relation to outside bodies, and in particular trustee roles, with the Monitoring Officer.
- 6.6 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 to consider a draft report of their findings and recommendations on 16 July 2013.

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Background Papers:
As detailed in section 6.

Background Papers are available for inspection at:
Ryedale House, Malton or www.ryedale.gov.uk.