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## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton  
on Thursday 20 February 2014

### Present

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Councillors P J Andrews, Collinson, Cussons, Mrs Frank, Raper, Richardson,  
Mrs Shields (Vice-Chairman) and Wainwright (Chairman)

### In Attendance

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Sarah Anderson, John Barnett, Jos Holmes, Peter Johnson, Clare Slater, Faye  
Snowden and Max Thomas

### Minutes

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1 **Apologies for absence**

None.

2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2013**

**Decision**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held  
on the 12 December 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a  
correct record.

3 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

4 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

5 **Internal Audit Q3 Progress Report**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

**Decision**

That the Committee note the results of audit and fraud work undertaken so far  
during 2013/14.

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6      **Annual Governance Statement Action Plan Progress**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151)

<b>Decision</b>
That the Committee note the progress made to address identified actions in the 2012 – 13 AGS action plan.

7      **Certification Annual Report 2013**

Considered – Report of the Certification of claims and returns 2012/13 Annual Report from Deloittes.

<b>Decision</b>
That the report be received.

8      **Safer Ryedale Partnership Update**

Considered – Report of the Head of Economy and Infrastructure.

<b>Decision</b>
That the Council note the report and that Members support option four: Maintain status quo, for Overview and Scrutiny (Crime and Disorder) Committee.

9      **Customer Complaints Quarter 3 2013/14**

Considered – Report of the Business Support Manager.

<b>Decision</b>
That the report be received.

10 **Treasury Management Statement and Investment Strategy**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

**Decision**

That Members receive this report.  
That the Treasury Management and Investment Strategies be noted and approved by the Council.  
That the minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement be approved by the Council.  
That the Prudential Indicators in the report be approved by the Council.

11 **Corporate Risk Register**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Risk Register.

**Decision**

That the report be received.

12 **Delivering the Council Plan Report**

Considered – The Report of the Head of Corporate Services.

**Decision**

That the report be received.

13 **Scrutiny Review of the Role of Members on Outside Bodies and as Member Champions**

Considered – The report of the Head of Legal Services.

**Decision**

That the report be received and that the following recommendations be made to Council:

- (i) That the following outside bodies be removed from the list: Supporting People NY Joint Committee (agreed at Annual Council on 16 May 2013), Endowment Governors Charity called Malton School, LG Yorkshire & Humber Elected Members Cohesion Group (agreed at Annual Council on 16 May 2013), Rural Action Yorkshire (formerly YRCC);
- (ii) That substitute representatives be appointed for outside bodies, where their governance arrangements permit, and that it be the nominated representatives responsibility to notify the substitute if they are unable to attend a meeting of the outside body;
- (iii) That a précis from Member representatives on outside bodies be published on the website following each meeting, subject to the approval of the outside bodies, to ensure feedback of key decisions and discussions relevant to the Council is available, and including their attendance record;
- (iv) That appointments to outside bodies be for four year terms, from 2015 onwards to coincide with the District elections, subject to an annual review by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to address any issues with attendance or publication of précis;
- (v) That nominations of representatives to outside bodies should be made by Council based on their skills and expertise, in addition to attendance records, and that Members be asked to provide an oral statement of this upon nomination.
- (vi) That the Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to review allowances payable to representatives on outside bodies, where a payment is currently made;
- (vii) (a) That subject to the exceptions in sub paragraph (b) below , all Members note that any representative on an outside body cannot be involved in any financial or regulatory decision taken by the Council that relates to that body. They can make representations, either through the public speaking opportunity for a relevant application at Planning Committee, or for other committees and Full Council by addressing the meeting at the chairman's discretion;
- (b) The exceptions where Members may participate and vote are the setting of council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 or where a dispensation has been granted.
- (viii) That the Member Champion role be abolished.

14 **Decisions from other Committees**

The minutes of the Commissioning Board meeting held on the 23 January 2014 and the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 13 February 2014 were presented.

<b>Decision</b>
That the minutes be received.

15 **Exempt information**

Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 08.30pm.

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