

## **SCRUTINY BOARD (RESOURCES AND COUNCIL SERVICES)**

**FRIDAY, 22ND MARCH, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillor P Grahame in the Chair

Councillors S Bentley, N Dawson,  
R Grahame, J Hardy, C Macniven,  
N Walshaw and R Wood

### **100 Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone to this additional March meeting of the Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services).

### **101 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

### **102 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor JL Carter and Councillor A Lowe.

Notification had been received for Councillor N Walshaw to substitute for Councillor A Lowe.

### **103 Discussion with Edward McMillan-Scott MEP**

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a brief report providing the Scrutiny Board with an opportunity to ask Mr McMillan-Scott MEP for Yorkshire and Humber, a broad range of questions.

The following officer was in attendance:

- Martin Dean – Head of Partnerships.

Unfortunately Mr McMillan-Scott was unable to attend the meeting due to adverse weather conditions. His designated substitute, Ms Rebecca Taylor, MEP was also unable to attend due to a prior engagement over running.

Notwithstanding these absentees, the Scrutiny Board discussed with the attending officer the following areas;

- How is the policy and priority setting at the EU level shaping up given all the pressures on the European Union?
- Are there opportunities for Councils to work effectively with our local MEPs in the future?

- Whether the demise of Yorkshire Forward resulted in a lack of lobbying for EU funds and how can this be addressed?
- The ESF programme.

**RESOLVED** – That a series of written questions be sent to Mr McMillan-Scott for written responses.

**104 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – To note the date of the next meeting as Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 10.00am with a Pre-meeting for Board Members at 9.30am.

(The meeting concluded at 5.00 pm)