



SCRUTINY BOARD (RESOURCES AND COUNCIL SERVICES)

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR on
Friday, 22nd March, 2013 at 4.00 pm

(A pre-meeting will take place for ALL Members of the Board at 3.30 pm)

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

- S Bentley - Weetwood;
J L Carter - Adel and Wharfedale;
N Dawson - Morley South;
P Grahame (Chair) - Cross Gates and Whinmoor;
R Grahame - Burmantofts and Richmond Hill;
J Hardy - Farnley and Wortley;
A Lowe - Armley;
C Macniven - Roundhay;
R Wood - Calverley and Farsley;

Please note: Certain or all items on this agenda may be recorded

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A G E N D A

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25* of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(* In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, notice of an appeal must be received in writing by the Chief Democratic Services Officer at least 24 hours before the meeting).</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:</p> <p>No exempt items have been identified on this agenda.</p>	

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LATE ITEMS

To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.

(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes.)

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DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-16 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

To receive any apologies for absence and notifications of substitutes.

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DISCUSSION WITH EDWARD MCMILLAN-SCOTT MEP

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To receive and consider a report from the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development providing the Scrutiny Board with an opportunity to ask Mr McMillan-Scott, MEP for Yorkshire and Humber, a broad range of questions, particularly focussing on the following key areas:

- How is the policy and priority setting at the EU level shaping up given all the pressures on the European Union?
- How can MEPs help shape the funding arrangements for the future to make them more sensitive to local government?
- Are there opportunities for Councils to work effectively with our local MEPs in the future?
- Has the demise of Yorkshire Forward resulted in a lack of lobbying for EU funds and how can this be addressed?

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 22nd April 2013 at 10.00am (Pre-meeting for all Board Members at 9.30am.)

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Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services)

Date: 22nd March 2013

Subject: Discussion with Edward McMillan-Scott MEP

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services) has invited Edward McMillan-Scott, MEP for Yorkshire & Humber, to attend today's meeting. This meeting provides members with an opportunity to ask Mr McMillan-Scott a broad range of questions; however the Board has previously indicated its interest in the following areas;
 - How is the policy and priority setting at the EU level shaping up given all the pressures on the European Union?
 - How can MEPs help shape the funding arrangements for the future to make them more sensitive to local government?
 - Are there opportunities for Councils to work effectively with our local MEPs in the future?
 - Has the demise of Yorkshire Forward resulted in a lack of lobbying for EU funds and how can this be addressed?

Recommendations

2. With the above in mind, Members are asked to hold a discussion with Mr McMillan-Scott MEP and make appropriate comment, observations or recommendations.

Background papers¹

None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.