

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
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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.