

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 22nd April at 10.00am with a Pre-meeting for Board Members at 9.30am.

(The meeting concluded at 5.00 pm)