

**Economic & City Development Overview &
Scrutiny Committee**

12 November 2014

Report of the Assistant Director Governance and ICT

**Update Report on Membership of the Supporting Older People Task
Group**

Summary

1. This report informs members of the need to amend the membership of the Supporting Older People's Task Group following changes to the composition of the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Background

2. At a scrutiny work planning event in early May 2014 Members considered and expressed an interest in developing a theme around "supporting older people" worthy of corporate review. At a meeting in June 2014 the Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee agreed this review be carried out and all scrutiny committees be asked to consider their suggested remits and undertake the work.
3. In late July 2014 the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered a scoping report around the corporate Supporting Older People theme. Members agreed an aim and objectives for the review and appointed a Task Group comprising Councillors Cuthbertson, Watt and Riches to carry out the work on behalf of the committee.
4. The Task Group met for the first time in mid September 2014 when Councillor Riches was appointed Chair. Task Group members agreed that the key focus of the review centred round keeping people economically active. This, however, need not be just paid employment. Older people who were carers or were involved in volunteering contributed to the overall economic wellbeing of the city.

- 5 They considered volunteering can be rewarding in itself and is of benefit to individuals and the community.

People who volunteered to help organisations such as the York Museums Trust, the Archaeological Trust, the Minister, the Civic Trust and the Railway Museum all contributed to the economy of the city.

6. The Task Group requested that Officers arrange meetings with representatives from Job Centre Plus, York Council for Voluntary Services, York Learning City and charities working with older people.
7. However, before follow-on meetings could be finalised an emergency meeting of the Council in late October led to the reallocation of scrutiny committee seats which resulted in Councillor Riches losing his position on ECDOSC.

Analysis

8. As the Supporting Older People Task Group has been reduced to just two members and as the work of the Task Group is still in its early stages a replacement for Cllr Riches needs to be considered if the review is to proceed.

Options

9. The Committee can:
 - i) Appoint a replacement for Cllr Riches and proceed with the review;
 - ii) Not proceed with the review.

Council Plan

10. The work on this review will support the create jobs and grow the economy, build strong communities and protect vulnerable people elements of the Council's Plan 2011-15.

Implications

11. There are no financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology, Property of other implications associated with this report.

Risk Management

12. There are no risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

That the Committee appoints a Member to replace Councillor Riches to the Supporting Older People Task Group.

Reason: To enable the Task Group to progress the work needed to complete the review.

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