

**Learning and Culture Overview & Scrutiny  
Committee**

**19 November 2014**

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

**Update Report on Membership of the Entrepreneurship in York  
Schools Task Group**

**Summary**

1. This report seeks a slight addition to the membership of the Entrepreneurship in York Schools Task Group in light of changes to the composition of the Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee made at the recent Extraordinary Council meeting on 23 October 2014.

**Background**

2. At its meeting in June 2014 the Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered a scrutiny topic proposed by Cllr Semlyen on “School based teaching of skills related to self employment / entrepreneurship at Secondary ages and at York College” and agreed to establish a Task Group to carry out an appropriate review. In fact, the Committee re-established the membership of the former CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance) Task Group in view of the synergies between these two topics. Those Members being Councillors Brooks, Fitzpatrick, Reid and Scott.
3. As a result of the changes to proportionalities and composition of Committees agreed at the Extraordinary Council Meeting, Councillor Scott is no longer a member of this Committee. In view of the synergies between this and the former ‘Careers’ topic, Councillor Scott would still like to assist in this review and maintaining the momentum created by the complete Task Group would certainly be helpful to this review. Indeed, Councillors Scott was appointed by the ‘Entrepreneurship’ Task Group as their Chair because he has chaired the former ‘Careers’ Task Group and was instrumental in producing their final report.

4. It is suggested that this Committee consider formally co-opting Councillor Scott on to the 'Entrepreneurship' Task Group for the reasons outlined above and to facilitate his continuing involvement in the work of the Task Group. It would be for the Task Group to decide whether they would wish for Councillor Scott to continue in his role as Chair, albeit as a 'co-opted Member'. There are no procedural rules prohibiting a 'co-opted Member chairing a Scrutiny Task Group, which is largely a more informal setting in which Members can gather research and evidence for their agreed review.

### **Options**

5. The Committee can:
  - i) agree to appoint Cllr Scott onto the Task Group as a co-opted Member.
  - ii) alternatively, agree that the Task Group should continue with a membership of only three.

### **Analysis**

6. In light of the changes made at Extraordinary Council, the membership of the Task Group has, consequently, been reduced from four to three members which could impact on the ability of the Task Group to progress the work needed to complete the review within planned timescales.

### **Council Plan**

7. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

9. There are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report, other than potentially creating more work for fewer

Members, should the Committee decide not to co-opt Councillor Scott. Unless, of course, the Committee to appoint an alternative Member. Although that Member would not be likely to have experience of the review in hand to date.

### **Recommendation**

10. That the Committee considers appointing Cllr Scott onto the Entrepreneurship in York Schools Task Group as a co-opted Member.

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

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**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

**All**

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**Background Papers:**

None

**Annexes**

None