
REPORT TO:	Organisation Improvement and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission
DATE:	18 June 2007
DEPARTMENT:	Corporate Policy and Improvement
REPORTING OFFICER:	Scrutiny Officer (Mark Codman)
SUBJECT:	HARROGATE BOROUGH COUNCIL NOMINATION TO THE NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All
FORWARD PLAN REF:	N/A

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the nomination of a member of the Organisation Improvement and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission to serve as the Harrogate Borough Council representative on the North Yorkshire County Council Scrutiny of Health Committee

2.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Commission nominate a member to serve as the Harrogate Borough Council representative on the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Scrutiny of Health Committee.

3.0 RECOMMENDED REASON/S FOR DECISION/S

- 3.1 To enable Harrogate Borough Council to be represented on the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee so that the Council can participate effectively in the consideration of relevant health issues

4.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTION/S CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION

- 4.1 If the Council did not have a representative on the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee it would not enable the Council to participate effectively in the consideration of relevant health issues

5.0 THE REPORT

Background

- 5.1 The Local Government Act 2000 gave authorities the general power of scrutiny and the power to take action to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of their areas, including health issues
- 5.2 The Health and Social Care Act 2001 amended the Local Government Act 2000 to confer on local authorities with social services responsibilities the role of reviewing and scrutinising health service matters and making reports and recommendations to the NHS.
- 5.3 The Act also gave Health Scrutiny Committees powers to delegate health scrutiny to other authorities, including District Councils, to co-opt from other authorities and to carry out joint scrutiny with other social services authorities.

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)

- 5.4 When the Health and Social Care Act 2001 was introduced NYCC (as the authority with social services responsibilities) set up a Health Scrutiny Committee and used the powers in the Act to invite representatives from the seven Districts to serve on it as co-optees.

Harrogate Borough Council

- 5.5 Harrogate Borough Council has included health scrutiny within the remit of one of its Commissions so that it could address appropriate health issues under the general power to “promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of its area”. This is the Organisation Improvement and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission
- 5.6 The Council has always nominated a representative to serve on the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee. When the most recent nomination was made it was agreed that the representative should be a member of the Organisation Improvement and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission. This was to ensure that there was an informal link with the appropriate Commission responsible for health issues.
- 5.7 Due to the recent local elections there is a vacancy for the Council representative on the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee and it has been

agreed that a nomination should be sought from the Organisation Improvement and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its first meeting.

- 5.8 It is anticipated that updates on the work of the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee may be future agenda items for the Commission to ensure that Harrogate Borough Council participates effectively in the consideration of relevant health issues. The representative may therefore be requested to update the Commission on the Committee's work as appropriate.
- 5.9 The next meeting of the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee is on Friday 6 July 2007 at 10.00 and the representative will receive appropriate information once they have been appointed. If further information is required please contact either:
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6.0 CONCLUSION/S

- 6.1 When the Health and Social Care Act 2001 was introduced NYCC (as the authority with social services responsibilities) set up a Health Scrutiny Committee and used the powers in the Act to invite representatives from the seven Districts to serve on it as co-optees.
- 6.2 Due to the recent local elections there is now a vacancy for the Harrogate Borough Council representative on the NYCC Scrutiny of Health Committee. It has been agreed that this nomination should be sought from the Organisation Improvement and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its first meeting.

Background Papers - None

<p>OFFICER CONTACT: Please contact Mark Codman if you require any further information on the contents of this report. The officer can be contacted at Crescent Gardens by telephone on (01423) 556153 or by Email – mark.codman@harrogate.gov.uk</p>

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT / POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

		Implications are		
		Positive	Neutral	Negative
A	Economy		✓	
B	Environment		✓	
C	Social Equity	✓		
i)	General			
ii)	Customer Care / People with Disabilities			
iii)	Health Implications	✓		
D	Crime and Disorder Implications		✓	

If all comments lie within the shaded areas, the proposal is sustainable.