

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>25 SEPTEMBER 2012</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - ROSS-ON-WYE</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>HEAD OF GOVERNANCE</b>

**Note:** This item is put to the Audit and Governance Committee under Paragraph 4.2.6.1 (b) of the Council's Constitution, expressly that: "The Chairman of the meeting considers that for reasons of special circumstances, the item should be considered at the Meeting as a matter of urgency."

## **1. Classification**

Open.

## **2. Wards Affected**

County-wide

## **3. Purpose**

To review the membership of the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee and appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman to that sub-committee.

## **4. Recommendation**

**THAT:**

- (a) The members of the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee be agreed, on the basis of a membership of five (three members of the Conservative Group, one member of It's OUR County and one member of the Herefordshire Independents); and**
- (b) a Chairman and Vice-Chairman be appointed from the sub-committee membership.**

## **5. Alternative Options**

5.1 Council has agreed that a community governance review of the areas of Ross Town Council and Ross Rural Parish Council would be conducted in the autumn of 2013. There are no alternative options therefore.

## **6. Reasons for Recommendations**

6.1 Council has committed to an autumn 2013 start date for a CGR. This provides some certainty for the Town and Parish involved. The first meeting of the Community Governance Review Sub-Committee will be arranged shortly, and it is therefore essential that the membership is agreed urgently.

## **7. Key Considerations**

7.1 At its meeting on 11 May 2012, the Audit and Governance Committee noted that the Council had decided to undertake a community governance review of the areas of Ross Town Council and Ross Rural Parish Council in the autumn of 2013. Council had empowered the Audit and Governance Committee to undertake community governance reviews and to make recommendations to Council on the matter.

7.2 On 21 September 2012, the Audit and Governance Committee set up a sub-committee for this purpose, and agreed a membership of Councillors AM Atkinson, CNH Attwood, PGH Cutter, AJ Hempton-Smith and JA Hyde. The original report and the relevant extract from the minutes are appended to this report.

7.3 Councillors Atkinson and Hyde are no longer members of the Audit and Governance Committee, and therefore the membership now requires revision.

## **8. Appendices**

8.1 Appendix 1 – Extract from the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting dated 21 September 2012

8.2 Appendix 2 – Report to the Audit and Governance Committee dated 21 September 2012