

**TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
28 January 2009**

**From:** Councillor Paul Ryman

**Ward Member:** ALL

**Subject: DRAFT REPORT – ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION AT  
PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

1.1 As members will be aware the Panel has been looking at the attendance of members at partnership meetings, in particular those included in the list of outside bodies to which the Council's makes appointment. (see attached report).

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**2.1 It is recommended that**

**2.1.1 the report be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration**

**3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE KEY PRIORITIES/AMBITIONS**

3.1 Priority: Improving Together Programme

3.2 Ambition: Provide accessible quality services; Be effective community leaders; Have well managed and efficient use of our resources; Improve the Council's reputation; and Have effective partnerships delivering the requirements of the community.

3.3 Outcome: Leading our communities, listen to and acting on their needs, shaping the places they live and providing feedback; having high quality, accessible services, taking account of the needs of everyone.

**4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 To address a weakness identified in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment regarding improving the attendance and contribution of councillors at Partnership Group meetings. The Chair of the Services Panel was tasked with obtaining records of meetings attended by Members.

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4.2 18 responses were received, representing a 56% return and details of those responses are appended to the attached report.

**5.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**

5.1 Financial Implications:

5.2 Risk:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Implications</b>
That our resources and assets are not managed efficiently or effectively and we do not achieve value for money.	Reputation	That the Council's audit commission score re use of resources could be adversely effected.

5.3 Equality and Diversity: Equality and Diversity: Overview and Scrutiny has a role in ensuring the Council's compliance with equality and diversity requirements.

5.4 Human Resources: None

5.5 Community Safety: As 5.3 above

5.6 Legal Issues: None

**Background papers:**

1. None

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