

# West Midlands Overview and Scrutiny Network

## Scrutiny Skills

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 | 10am - 4pm

Birmingham City Council Offices

**Aim:** To assist Elected Members in developing the skills set required to undertake effective Scrutiny.

### Objectives:

- To provide an understanding of Scrutiny.
- To gain a better appreciation of the skills required for Scrutiny including:
  - Planning and scoping
  - Questioning skills
  - Analysing evidence

**Target audience:** All Councillors engaged in Scrutiny - either newly Elected Members or those seeking refresher training.

**Learning approach:** The day will include a mix of presentations by Scrutiny practitioners and involve a theatre company who will perform a mock committee meeting and a scrutiny review hearing. The audience will be asked to identify what went right and what went wrong. Don't panic! - no role play involved.

In addition, the event gives members an opportunity to share learning and network with other councillors.

**Outcome:** Following the event, members will have a clearer understanding of the scrutiny process and will have identified the skills required to carry it out effectively. It will also assist in identifying any further scrutiny member training needs.

**Cost:** The event will cost £60.00+ VAT.

Cancellation Policy (all cancellations must be made in writing):

Within 2 weeks of the event: 100% of the fee per delegate payable.

**Booking a place:** If you would like to book a place on the event please complete the attached booking form and return to **Katrina McGuigan**, k.mcguigan@wmlga.gov.uk or post: Regional Partnership Centre, Edward Street, Birmingham, B1 2RA.

### For more information contact:

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