

West Midlands Overview and Scrutiny Network

Scrutiny Skills

Wednesday 1st 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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