



## Scrutiny Survey 2024

Intro...

A summary of the results will be included in the scrutiny annual report and presented to Council.

**The deadline for responding is (Insert Date)**

## Scrutiny Overall

**Q1 What overview and scrutiny committees, if any, are you a member of? Tick all that apply.**

Children's Services

Social Care and Health

Education

Scrutiny Overview

Economy and Environment

None of these

**Q2 Thinking about the location of working groups, which of the following would you prefer? Tick one only.**

*In person*

*Virtual*

*The most suitable location for the topic*

*Don't know*

Working Group

**Q3 What do you think were the most successful examples of scrutiny from 2023/24 and why?**

**Q4 What are your priority issues for future consideration at scrutiny in 2024/25?**

**Q5 Please rate each of the following aspects of scrutiny. Tick one only on each row.**

	<i>Very good</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Very poor</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Scrutiny structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forward plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frequency of meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effectiveness of committees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effectiveness of working groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of Committee Members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portfolio Holder involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget scrutiny	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Length of agendas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scrutiny work programmes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cabinet forward plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cabinet / Portfolio Holder involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q6 Why do you say that this / these aspects of scrutiny are poor or very poor? Please briefly explain.**

Scrutiny structure	
Work programme	
Forward plan	
Frequency of meetings	
Effectiveness of committees	
Effectiveness of working groups	
Number of Committee Members	
Portfolio Holder involvement	

Budget scrutiny

Length of agendas

Scrutiny work programmes

Cabinet forward plan

Cabinet / Portfolio Holder involvement

**Q7** Generally, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of reports that are presented to scrutiny meetings? Tick one only on each row.

	<i>Very Satisfied</i>	<i>Fairly Satisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>
Length	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clarity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recommendations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appendices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Training

**Q8** Training is widely recognised as a method in which to improve scrutiny.

Which of the following would you like to receive training in? Tick all that apply.

- Subject specific
- Chairing meetings
- Technical skills
- Questioning
- Legal issues
- Adult Social Care
- Children's Services
- Finance
- Resilient Communities and Partnership
- Other
- None of these

*Other training, please specify*

**Q9 If necessary, how would you prefer to access / receive training?**

- Online self guided e-learning module
- Face to face
- Booklet / written material
- Other

*Other, please specify*

**Q10 And should training be delivered using in house resources or an external training provider? Tick one only.**

- In house resources
- External training provider
- Depends on the topic
- No preference

## Budget Setting

**Q11 How do you suggest that scrutiny should examine the process of setting the budget?**

- Considered by all scrutiny committees
- Scrutiny Overview Committee
- Specialist working group
- Don't know
- Other

*Other, please specify*

## Officer support and reports

**Q12 How, if at all, could the different levels of officer support to scrutiny be improved / more effective? Please briefly explain.**

Senior Officer (Head of Service and above)

Non-senior officers

Democratic Services

## Engagement of partners in scrutiny

**Q13 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the engagement of partners in scrutiny? Tick one only.**

- Very satisfied
- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know

**Q14 How, if at all, could partners be more effectively engaged in scrutiny?**

**Q15 Do you have any other comments about scrutiny? Please specify below.**

**Thank you for your response.**

**Please click 'submit' or the tick below to send us your answers.**