

REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE – CONFERENCES

CONFERENCE DETAILS: Scrutiny Seminar Series

Title/Organisation Body: Inlogov

Venue: University of Birmingham

Date: 26 June, 2015

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

This one-day seminar/workshop is set up to give confidence and skills to councillors who chair scrutiny committees. Scrutiny is one of the hardest tasks that face councillors, but when it works well one of the most rewarding. The training develops practical skills of chairing but also the confidence to do it well, based on an understanding of what it can achieve.

The seminar will consider:

- how to prepare for scrutiny committees or short-life task and finish groups
- the relationships between scrutiny chairs and scrutiny officers
- how to choose a small number of topics for scrutiny investigations
- how to plan and develop questions and get what you want from those who come to answer questions
- innovative ways of collecting evidence
- how to make recommendations effective
- the nature of scrutiny leadership

Aims

- To explore the skills of chairing scrutiny
- To look at how style and approach is influenced by the chairman
- To link chairing styles to scrutiny topics
- To practice chairing skills

COST PER PERSON: £195 (£95 for a second participant from the same authority).