

Scrutiny at Southend

Thursday 3rd July, 2014 @ 6 pm

The session will be provided by:

- John Williams, Head of Legal and Democratic Services
- Fiona Abbott, Principal Committee Officer / Health Scrutiny Lead Officer & Designated Scrutiny Officer

Programme

- (a) Brief overview of Council's decision making processes and how Scrutiny operates within that:
- Briefing on Cabinet / Scrutiny system - already circulated to new Councillors (See Document 1).
 - Cabinet system and decision making:
 - Council functions
 - Regulatory functions
 - Extract from 'A guide for new Councillors 2014/15' (See Document 2).
 - Scrutiny
 - 3 scrutiny committees
 - Co-opted members
 - Health scrutiny (See Document 3 – note, this document has been sent to the members of the People Scrutiny Committee)
 - pre cabinet scrutiny, in more significant way.
- (b) Scrutiny Guide (See Document 4):
- What is 'Scrutiny' – legislative background; 4 principles of good scrutiny.
 - How Scrutiny works at Southend.
 - How the Scrutiny Committees undertake their different roles.
 - The roles of Scrutiny members & others.
 - Effective Scrutiny.
 - In depth Scrutiny projects.
- (c) Review of Scrutiny Committees work 2013/14 (See Document 5).
- (d) Questions.
- (e) Useful website www.cfps.org.uk