

Scrutiny at Southend
(including health scrutiny)

Held – Monday, 20th July, 2015

Evaluation of the course

10 Councillors, 1 co-opted member and the 2 Youth Council observers attended the training session. The session was provided by John Williams, Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Fiona Abbott, Scrutiny Officer.

We received 12 completed evaluation response forms.

Q1 Did the course meet its stated objectives?

Fully met	6	5	4	3	2	1	Not at all
<i>Responses to this Question:</i>							
X	11	1	X	X	X	X	X

Q2 Has your knowledge of the subject or your skills improved as a result of the training?

Much improved	6	5	4	3	2	1	Not changed
<i>Responses to this Question:</i>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very much, as I have not been involved with anything like this before. • The Scrutiny Guide issued before the meeting, was very informative. • Very interesting. 							
1	4	5	2	X	X	X	X

Q3 Will you be able to use the knowledge/skills gained?

Yes Fully	6	5	4	3	2	1	Not at all
<i>Responses to this Question:</i>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a fast learner so I believe I can effectively apply knowledge. 							
X	10	1	1	X	X	X	X

Q4A Has this course met your needs?

Yes Fully	6	5	4	3	2	1	Not at all
<i>Responses to this Question:</i>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considering the vast difference in experience levels the course met my needs well. 							
1	8	3	X	X	X	X	X

Q4B Do you need any further support in this area?

Yes	4	No	7
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Comments:

- Not so much further support but experience of attending committees.
- Due to the fact that this is a relatively new process to me, I feel as though I will need some further explanation at a later stage.
- As I am new to this, I may not always understand titles and how the metaphysical jigsaw fits together.
- Regularly.

Q5 How well did the trainer deliver the course in a way that was useful to your learning?

Very useful	6	5	4	3	2	1	Not at all
<i>Responses to this Question:</i>							
1	10	1	X	X	X	X	X

Q6 Did the venue/environment aid your learning?

Very	6	5	4	3	2	1	Not at all
<i>Responses to this Question:</i>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficult to see presenters. Maybe a round table? 							
2	6	3	1	X	X	X	X

Q7 How effective was the course administration?

Very effective	6	5	4	3	2	1	Not effective
<i>Responses to this Question:</i>							
3	7	2	X	X	X	X	X

Q8 What will you do differently as a result of attending this course?

Comments:

- Yet to be determined as I'm at an early stage but hopefully will be able to use the info at later stages
- I will read further into the scrutiny process.
- I will be more effective in my questioning.
- Consider more carefully methods of questioning.
- Be aware of other paths for scrutiny & questioning reports.
- Make sure the Vice Chairman recognises when I want to speak.
- Listen!
- Will enable me to contribute effectively in Scrutiny meetings

Q9 What additional comments would you like to make about the course overall?

Comments:

- Appropriate length of time.
- The course was well presented and clear.
- Committees – esp HWB – must be made aware of their function & priorities.

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