

SHINING A LIGHT ON



In 2011 Democratic Services undertook a review of scrutiny and as a result the structure changed from three O&S Committees to one O&S Committee with task groups.

Members played a key role in shaping the new scrutiny structure and we'd like your help again in enabling us to assess the benefits and weaknesses of these arrangements.

Feel free to select more than one answer and make as many additional comments as you wish – all feedback will be gratefully received.

Personal details:

Cabinet Member

O&S Committee Member

Non O&S Committee Member

Name

How do you think scrutiny is operating in CBC at the moment?

Very effective

Effective

Less than effective

Poor

Why do you think this is?

Is the cabinet being effectively held to account?

Effectively held to account

Held to account but could be improved

Rarely held to account

Don't know

How could this be more effective?

Is scrutiny contributing to the development of new policies and strategies?

Yes

No

Partially

Not sure

How could this improve?

Do you feel that the mechanisms and processes are in place for effective scrutiny of commissioned/shared services?

Yes

Partially

No

I don't understand how they will be held to account

How could we improve?

Is scrutiny achieving positive outcomes for the residents of Cheltenham?

Yes

No

Partially

Not sure

If not, why not?

Overall how do you rate the new scrutiny arrangements compared with the former arrangements?

Excellent – a great improvement

Good – some improvements

About the same – no change

Poor – a backward step

Why?

The new Overview and Scrutiny Committee was set up as a managing and co-ordinating body for scrutiny. How effective has it been in that role?

Excellent

Good

OK but needs improvement

Poor

How can it be improved?

What one thing about the new arrangements would you most like to change?

Do you feel you have the skills and expertise to carry out your scrutiny role?

Yes

No

Partially

Don't know

What do you need?

How do you think the scrutiny work plan should be determined?

If you have been involved in a scrutiny task group how would you rate its effectiveness?

Name of STG

Very effective

Effective but could be improved

Less than effective

Poor

How could it be improved?

How would you rate the officer support for the task groups you have been involved in?

Name of STG	Excellent	Good	OK	Poor
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How could it be improved?

If you haven't been involved in a scrutiny task group what are your reasons?

Timing of meetings	No interest in topics	Lack of time to get involved	Don't feel scrutiny can make a difference
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Other			

What would persuade you to get more involved in the work of overview and scrutiny?

Please add your additional comments here:

Thank you for your time.

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