

Perception and effectiveness of overview and scrutiny

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly Agree
Question 1					
The overview and scrutiny function has been effective in:					
Holding decision-makers to account			25%	75%	
Reviewing service outcomes				100%	
Influencing council policy			50%	50%	
Involving external stakeholders in their deliberations				100%	
Ensuring local views are taken into account				100%	
Investigating non-local authority service providers			25%	75%	
Providing clear lines of accountability			50%	50%	
Enabling greater community involvement in governance			50%	50%	
Exploring innovative forms of service delivery			25%	75%	
Dealing effectively with sensitive political issues		25%	25%	50%	
Question 2					
The overview and scrutiny members have been involved in:					
Influencing major decisions			75%	25%	
Considering and evaluating service performance				75%	25%
Considering and evaluating finance and risk information				75%	25%
Question 3					
Overview and scrutiny overall has a tangible impact on improving council service performance.					
		25%	25%	50%	
Question 4					
Overview and scrutiny creates tangible improvements for local					
			50%	50%	
Question 5					
The recommendations of scrutiny project groups are given appropriate consideration by the Executive.					
		25%	25%	50%	
Question 6					
Different people/groups/organisations with a role in holding decision-makers to account work together effectively					
				75%	
Question 7					
The role and work of scrutiny is valued and understood by:					
Cabinet Members				100%	
Senior Officers		25%		75%	
Non-scrutiny/non-executive members		25%	75%		
Other council officers		25%	50%	25%	
Members of the public		50%	50%		
Overview and scrutiny in practice					
Question 8					
What do you think is the most effective way for scrutiny to receive information? (1 is the least effective, 5 is most effective)					
Powerpoint presentations with visual representations of data (graphs, tables, pictures)	1	2	3	4	5
	25%			75%	
Formal written reports		25%		75%	
Circulated updates via email			50%	25%	25%
Verbal updates			25%	75%	
Question 9					
The training provided during the induction enabled you to carry out your role effectively.					
				75%	25%
Question 10					
Scrutiny councillors would benefit from an annual refresher session on effective scrutiny questioning.					
			25%	75%	
Question 11					
The current reporting procedures for overview and scrutiny work are effective:					
Annual scrutiny report to Full Council			25%	75%	

25% no response

Scrutiny project group recommendations to Cabinet		25%	75%	
Question 12				
Scrutiny meetings are well attended by:				
Council officers			100%	
Cabinet members	50%		50%	
Scrutiny members	25%		50%	25%
Question 13				
It is important to have members with relevant skills or knowledge on scrutiny committees.			75%	25%