



## **West Midlands Overview and Scrutiny Network**

### **Monitoring and Tracking Scrutiny Recommendations**

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2005**  
**10:00am – 1:00pm**  
**lunch included**

**Hosted by Birmingham City Council**

**Book early - places are limited!**

#### **Who should attend?**

Any officer or member involved in overview and scrutiny.

This is an opportunity to network with colleagues at a regional level and to hear guest speaker:

**Tony Wright, MP for Cannock Chase and  
Chair of the Centre for Public Scrutiny advisory board**

talk about the importance of monitoring and evaluating scrutiny.

Several action learning workshops will run in parallel. These will address your experiences of effective scrutiny by exploring the following:

- ✓ What should you expect to see following scrutiny review recommendations to the executive or external decision makers?
- ✓ Have you deployed an evaluation framework to ensure an effective monitoring of recommendations?
- ✓ Have you successfully balanced carrying out new scrutiny reviews with the need to monitor past reviews?
- ✓ How do you ensure effective scrutiny and monitoring of completed reviews when the Chair of Scrutiny is from the controlling group of the Council?

- ✓ How do you address the failure of the Executive to either adopt recommendations or appropriately respond to the results of scrutiny?
- ✓ How do you effectively communicate to the public and media the results of a scrutiny review and the role of the Executive in responding to your recommendations?

You can choose to be in an officer only, councillor only or mixed workshop group – please indicate choice on the booking form.

In addition, you will have an opportunity to hear **Rodger Mann, Staffordshire County Council** and **Domenic de Bechi, Birmingham City Council** share best practice examples from their respective authorities.

### **How do I book my place?**

Please send one booking form for each delegate to Bernice Zouagui ([b.zouagui@wmlga.gov.uk](mailto:b.zouagui@wmlga.gov.uk) or fax to 0121 678 1049).

Joining Instructions, including a map, will be sent approximately 10 days before the event to delegates who have reserved places.

**A nominal rate of only £10 per delegate will be charged to cover administration costs.**

**Birmingham City Council is kindly hosting the event.**

**Don't leave it too late to book your place - the last event in March was booked out!**

For further information on this event please contact either Rebecca Coffey, 0121 678 1045 or Jeremy Snape, 0121 678 1021.