

# Good practice seminar

## Influential Scrutiny

Tuesday 13 June 2006

10:00-15:15 (Lunch provided)

Venue: **LGIU Offices**  
**22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0TB**  
**(5 minutes from Euston Station)**

### Rates

LGIU Affiliated Organisations: £100.00 (£117.50 inc VAT)  
Standard: £190.00 (£223.25 inc VAT)

### Description

This seminar looks at how scrutiny can be more influential and hence more effective. Ideas about different influencing styles will be applied to scrutiny work, and practical examples and case studies will be described. There will be an update on new scrutiny roles and powers, both those in the Police and Justice Bill and those likely to appear in the forthcoming White Paper: including 'calls to action' and new powers on scrutiny of partnerships. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. The Scrutiny Clinic will take a 'Question Time' approach and participants are encouraged to send in questions and problems in advance. These will be discussed by our panel of speakers and the audience will also give their views.

This event will provide:

- An understanding of seven different influencing styles and the ideas which underpin them
- Ideas on how different influencing styles can be applied to scrutiny to make it more effective
- Real world case studies and examples of effective scrutiny
- An authoritative update on scrutiny powers in the Police and Justice Bill, and likely to appear in the forthcoming Local Government White Paper
- An opportunity to have your scrutiny problems addressed by a very experienced panel of speakers from local government and the academic world
- A chance to update your awareness of current thinking and developments in scrutiny, and to meet and discuss with other scrutiny practitioners.

### Who should attend

- New and experienced scrutiny chairs and other councillors involved in scrutiny
- Newly elected councillors who want to learn about the scrutiny role
- Scrutiny staff who want to keep up to date with new developments
- Senior council managers who want to help develop a more effective scrutiny role
- Civil servants and staff of organisations who are subject to local government scrutiny.

### Speakers

- Jo Dungey, Policy Officer, Local Government Information Unit, and author of LGIU's *Open to Scrutiny?* and *Scrutiny Solutions* publications
- Dr Stephanie Snape, Warwick University School of Business.
- Local Authority case study TBC.
- Tim Young, Head of Scrutiny, London Borough of Camden

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**10:30 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**

**10:50 Welcome and setting the context for the day**  
Jo Dungey, Policy officer, Local Government Information Unit

**11:00 Influential Scrutiny in practice**  
*This session will look at strategies for influence and what this means in practice. It will give examples and case studies of how scrutiny can become more influential.*  
**Chair:** Jo Dungey, Policy Officer, Local Government Information Unit  
**Speakers:** Dr Stephanie Snape, Local Government Centre, University of Warwick  
Cllr Susan Dungworth, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Blyth Valley Borough Council, Northumberland

**12:00 Questions and Discussion**

**12:30 Scrutiny: the new responsibilities**  
*This session will give the latest on forthcoming scrutiny powers in the Police and Justice Bill, likely implications for scrutiny of the forthcoming Local Government White Paper, including 'calls to action' and new powers on scrutiny of partnerships.*  
**Speaker:** Jo Dungey, Policy Officer, Local Government Information Unit

**13:00 LUNCH**

**14:00 The Scrutiny Clinic**  
*This 'Question Time' session is a chance to get your scrutiny problems discussed and answered. Participants are encouraged to submit questions about scrutiny in advance (as well as on the day). These will be answered by our expert panel and the audience will also give their views.*  
**Panel**  
Dr Stephanie Snape  
Tim Young, Head of Scrutiny, London Borough of Camden  
Local Authority Officer TBC  
Chair: Jo Dungey

**15:15 CLOSE**

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## Booking form Fax back to 020 7554 2801

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Cancellations received after Thursday 7 June 2006 will result in the full delegate rate being charged. Substitutions may be made at any time. All cancellations and substitutions must be made in writing (e-mail, fax or letter).

Postal bookings should be sent to the Events Team, LGIU, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0TB

**For special requirements or specific enquiries about the event please contact Georgina Roudette on 020 7554 2800 or [georgina.roudette@lgiu.org.uk](mailto:georgina.roudette@lgiu.org.uk).**

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