



Coventry City Council

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REPORT TO:	Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee	20th September 2006
REPORT OF:	Councillor Crookes	
TITLE:	CfPS 4th Annual Conference Scrutiny in an Evolving Public Services Landscape	
DATE:	28th June 2006	
VENUE:	QE II Conference Centre, Westminster, London	

1. **Recommendation**

The Committee is recommended to note this report.

2. **Background**

- The website address for the programme for the conference is included here:
<http://www.cfps.org.uk/events/item.php?mainID=events%20home&itemid=66>
- Phil Woolas MP, spoke on the accountability of Public Services to scrutiny with reference to Local Area Agreements Transcript
- Roger Moore (NHS Appointment Commission): spoke on the "The scrutiny role of NHS non-executives "
- Edward Leigh MP, spoke on the work and operating manner of the parliamentary Public Accounts Committee, which he chairs.
- Each delegate then attended one of each of the ensuing Policy and Practical Workshops:

Marlene Winfield (Connecting for health): **Health and social care**

Jonathan Tritter (Warwick Business School): **Health and social care**

Cllr Randolph Charles, Jacqueline Gray and Gareth Wall (Bedford BC and CfPS): **Criminal justice**

Jo Dungey (LGiU): **Double devolution**

Rob James (Birmingham): **Double devolution**

Christine Channon (Devon CC): **Local government**

Matthew Warburton (LGA): **Local government**

Tim Gilling (CfPS): **Local government**

Cllr Trevor Jones (Dorset CC): **Policy development and post-hoc scrutiny**

Paul Jagger (Yorkshire and Humber Assembly): **Regionalism re-visited**

Adriana Stapleton (St Edmundsbury BC): **Scrutinising budgets**

Jose King (Healthcare Commission): **Public involvement**

Susannah Drazin (House of Commons Scrutiny Unit): **Scrutinising budgets**

Ian Cartner (Audit Commission): **Holding partnerships to account**

Paul Wheeler (Political Skills Forum): **Reaching Consensus in a political environment**

Jane Martin (CfPS): **Strategic scrutiny**

- The day closed with a plenary session with: Jane Martin (CfPS) and Richard Barnes (London Assembly) with panel: **Afternoon plenary**

3. Cost of Attending

Cost of attending the Conference:	£150.00
Travel Costs:	£ 93.00
Total:	£243.00

4. Benefits

The event provided useful information in relation to increasing the influence of Scrutiny, which we could use in Coventry as we develop our Scrutiny processes.

5. Date of Cabinet Approval

30th May 2006 (Minute 9 (2) (c) refers)

List of background papers

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