



Coventry City Council

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## Public report

### **REPORT BACK ON CONFERENCE/SEMINAR**

**REPORT TO:** Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

**REPORT OF:** Cllrs Cliff Ridge and Joe Clifford

**TITLE:** Centre for Public Scrutiny 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

**DATE:** 10 June 2008

**VENUE:** Victoria Park Plaza Hotel, London

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#### **1. Recommendation**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to note this report.

#### **2. Background**

The Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) promotes the value of scrutiny in modern and effective government - not only to hold executives to account but also to create a constructive dialogue between the public and its elected representatives - to improve the quality of public services.

CfPS manages the Department of Health "Health Scrutiny Support Programme".

The annual CfPS conference – this was the sixth, titled "Public Accountability and Empowerment: A New Era for Scrutiny" – has become an established feature of national consideration of development of scrutiny, and is usually supported by Ministers. This year marked the inauguration of the first annual CfPS "Good Scrutiny" awards.

#### **3. Cost of attending**

Rail travel: £339  
Conference fees: £420 (£210 x 2)

Total: £759

NB We were granted one free place thanks to being shortlisted for an award.

#### **4. Benefits**

Speakers included:

- Sir Michael Lyons, Chair, BBC Trust
- Meredith Vivian, Department of Health lead for Patient and Public Involvement

