

SCRUTINY TRAINING EVENTS ARRANGED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Set out below is table containing information relating to scrutiny training events arranged by the County Council. Whilst not all of these events relate directly to scrutiny, they can be seen as assisting members in their scrutiny role. A central recording system for member training events has only been in place since the County Council elections in May 2005 and therefore it is possible that this is not a complete record of training events held prior to that.

DATE	ORGANISER	EVENT	MEMBERS	OPEN TO	NOTES
22 June 2000	Chief Executive's Department	Best Value Briefing	2 sessions am – 11 members pm – 9 members	All members	Provided by CIPFA Training Consultancy
23 June 2000	Chief Executive's Department	Scrutiny	2 sessions am – 9 members pm 10 members	All members	Provided by CIPFA Training Consultancy
December 2000	Resources Department/Chief Executive's Department	Presentation on the Budget	Not known	All members	Annual Event prior to the budget.
18 June 2001	Chief Executive's Department	Introductory Briefing – Primarily for Newly Elected Members	Not known	All members but targeted at new members.	A similar event was held following the County Council elections in May 2005.
May/June 2001	Chief Executive's Department	Briefings on services prior to scrutiny committee meetings	Not known	All members	Similar briefings were held following the County Council elections in May 2005.

9 July 2001	Chief Executive's Department	The (new) Constitution of Leicestershire County Council	25	All members	
10 July 2001	Chief Executive's Department	Briefing for Co-opted members of the Education and Heritage Scrutiny Committee	Not Known	Co-opted members of the Education and Heritage Scrutiny Committee	
20 September 2001	Chief Executive's Department	Best Value Review of Public Transport (as part of the Review consultation process)	Not known	All members	
26 November 2001	Chief Executive's Department	Best Value Review of Youth and Community	Not known	All members	
12 December 2001	Resources Department/Chief Executive's Department	Presentation on the Budget	Not known	All members	Annual Event prior to the budget.
14 December 2001	Chief Executive's Department	Improving Practice in the Management of Scrutiny Committees	Not known	Scrutiny Chairmen and Spokesmen and the Leader of the Council	
17 December 2001	Chief Executive's Department	Protocol on Exchange of Information between Executive and Overview and Scrutiny	N/A (Not an event - Protocol issued)	Protocol issued to all members	

9 January 2002	EMLGA	Effective Member/Officer relations	Not known	All members	
July 2002	Chief Executive's Department	Practical Guide to Overview and Scrutiny and specific guidance on aspects of scrutiny e.g. Review Panels, checklist for challenging reports etc.	N/A (Not an event - Guidance issued)	All members	Guide prepared in discussion with political groups
December 2002	Resources Department/Chief Executive's Department	Presentation on the Budget	Not known	All members	Annual Event prior to the budget.
December 2003	Resources Department/Chief Executive's Department	Presentation on the Budget	Not known	All members	Annual Event prior to the budget.
7 October 2004	Chief Executive's Department and representatives of the health service	Health Scrutiny Induction Day	19 County Councillors 12 District Councillors	All members of health scrutiny committees and subcommittees	
25 April 2005	Chief Executive's Department and representatives of the health service	Health Scrutiny – the role of Subcommittees and their work programmes	12 County Councillors 6 District Councillors	All members of health scrutiny committees and subcommittees	

16 May 2005	Chief Executive's Department	Introductory briefing for new members	17	All members but specifically target at new members	This seminar covered Scrutiny of County Council functions. A similar event was held following the previous County Council elections in May 2001.
16 June 2005	Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Department/Chief Executive's Department	Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Departmental Seminar	Not known	All members	A similar briefing was held following the previous County Council elections in May 2001.
22 June 2005	Chief Executive's Department	Briefing for members of the Council on Local Area Agreements/Public Service Agreements, Better Access to Services and Leicester Shire Promotions	21	All members	
27 June 2005	Community Services Department/Chief Executive's Department	Community Services Departmental Seminar	22	All members	A similar briefing was held following the previous County Council elections in May 2001.

7 July 2005	Social Services Department/Chief Executive's Department	Social Services Departmental Seminar	19	All Members	A similar briefing was held following the previous County Council elections in May 2001.
19 July 2005	Chief Executive's Department	Pilot Training Workshop for Scrutiny Members	18	Chairmen and Spokesmen of Scrutiny Committees	
21 September 2005	Chief Executive's Department	Presentation LAA – Leicestershire	Most Members (held immediately following the full Council meeting)	All members	
22 September 2005	Chief Executive's Department with various representatives from the health service	Hospital Acquired Infections Seminar	17 County Councillors 9 District Councillors	All members of the Health Scrutiny Committees and Subcommittees	
30 September 2005	Chief Executive's Department and IDEa representative	Foundation Status Training	6 County Councillors 3 City Councillors	Joint Health Scrutiny Committee members	
7 December 2005	Education Department	Seminar on Education and Children's Services	Most members (held immediately prior to full Council)	All members	
14 December 2005	Resources Department/Chief Executives Department	Presentation on the Budget	22	All members	Annual Event prior to the budget.

6 January 2006	Chief Executive's Department	Policing Issues	23	All members	
9 February 2006	Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Department	Leicestershire Municipal Waste Strategy Seminar	25	All members	
14 February 2006	Social Services Department	Briefing on draft Children and Young People's Plan	3	Chairmen and Spokesmen of the Social Care Scrutiny Committee	
8 March 2006	Chief Executive's Department	The Lyons Inquiry into Local Government	28	All members	Professors Steve Leach and Lawrence Pratchett of De Montfort University
31 March 2006	Chief Executive's Department	Media training	5	Scrutiny/Highways Forums members (Conservative Group)	At the request of the Conservative Group

In addition to the above, a number of site visits have been arranged for scrutiny committee members, particularly members of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee. These visits are identified by members and officers to assist members in their scrutiny role and have recently included the following:

- Visits to libraries outside of the County to investigate good practice (Scrutiny Review Panel on Visitor Numbers to Libraries)
- A visit to Holly Hayes Ecology Centre (Community Services Scrutiny Committee)

The Audit Commission carried out an inspection into scrutiny arrangements between April 2003 and September 2003. Members were interviewed as part of this process and the recommendations arising from the review were reported to the Scrutiny Commission in November 2003, having been discussed by the Scrutiny Reference Group.

EXTERNAL SCRUTINY TRAINING EVENTS

Set out below is table containing information relating to training events organised by external bodies that can be seen as assisting members in their scrutiny role.

DATE	ORGANISER	EVENT	MEMBER	OPEN TO
13 February 2002	CCN	Role of the Modern Member	Mr Chapman	
15 January 2003	University of Birmingham	Trailblazers Local Authority Scrutiny of NHS	Dr Pollard	
28 March 2003	LGA	HealthCHECK	Dr Pollard	
21 April 2004	CCN	The Council of the Future something new and different	Mr Miller Mr Parsons Mr Rhodes	
1 July 2004	IDEA	Modern Members	Mrs Sherwin	
29 November 2005		Integrated Transport	Mr Bailey Mr Hunt Mr Jennings	3 Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Scrutiny Members
15 March 2006	University of Birmingham	Role of Opposition in new political management arrangements	Dr O'Callaghan	Opposition Leader
29 March 2006	University of Birmingham	Future of Local Government	Dr Feltham Mr Galton Dr O'Callaghan Mr Ould	
6 April 2006	INLOGOV	Reviewing and Enhancing Scrutiny Function	Dr O'Callaghan Mr Osborne	

