

CfPS National Overview and Scrutiny Forum

6 May 2009

Venue: Swindon Steam Museum, Swindon, Wiltshire

map: <http://www.steam-museum.org.uk/steam/steam2007-visiting-find-2.htm>

AGENDA

- 11:00 – 11:15** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 11:15 – 11:20** **Minutes of the Forum meeting held on 28 January 2009 (Copy attached)**
- 11:20 – 11:40** **Regional Network Updates**
- To receive an update from representatives of the Regional Scrutiny Networks on Scrutiny developments in their Regions.
- 11:40 – 12:20** **Resourcing Scrutiny**
- Paul Evans, Principal Clerk to the Houses of Parliament Select Committees will make a presentation on work being undertaken by his Department in consultation with CfPS to provide a more flexible approach to resourcing scrutiny. There will be an opportunity for questions after the presentation.
- 12:20 – 12:40** **Lunch**
- 12:40 – 13:30** **Legislative Updates**
- CfPS will provide updates on the latest developments in Scrutiny related legislation as follows:
- ❖ **Councillor Call for Action**
 - ❖ **The implementation of the new scrutiny powers in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and related Guidance**
 - ❖ **The implementation of new crime and disorder scrutiny powers as contained in the Police and Justice Act 2006 and related Statutory Guidance**
 - ❖ **The new Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill – Implications for Scrutiny**

**13:30 – 14:00 Introduction on Equalities and Human Rights
Commission – Using Scrutiny**

Preth Rao, Policy Manager, Local Government Team, Equality and Human Rights Commission will provide an update on the work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission and using Scrutiny to influence this work.

14:00 – 14:10 The Future of Scrutiny in a time of financial crisis

Howard Boots from the North West Network will report on this item.

14:10 – 14:20 CfPS Annual Conference - 9/10 June 2009

CfPS will report on the latest programmes for the CfPS Annual Conference and Member and Officer Development Days which will be held on 9 and 10 June 2009. A copy of the marketing brochure for these events is attached.

14:20 - 14:25 Date of Next Meeting/Any Other Business

Wednesday 22 July 2009 at 11am – Tameside Council Offices, Greater Manchester

The meeting will finish no later than 14:25.