Getting involved in Scrutiny

The involvement of local residents, community organisations and partners is an important part of the Carmarthenshire scrutiny process and our Councillors are committed to responding to the views and concerns of residents.

Getting involved in scrutiny is one of the best ways to influence decision making at the Council, as Councillors will hear your experiences first hand. There are a number of ways you can get involved in the work of scrutiny at the council:

- Attending a Scrutiny meeting
- Keeping up-to-date with what's happening in scrutiny
- Suggesting a topic for review
- Contribute evidence for scrutiny reviews

All scrutiny meetings are open to the public except where exempt information has to be discussed. A list of meeting dates and agenda items can be found on the council's <u>meeting</u> <u>diary</u>. If you would like to attend a meeting simply come along to the meeting venue (stated on the front of the agenda).

Scrutiny provides the opportunity for the public to become involved in the Council's activities. You can request that an item be placed on the agenda and if you are a resident of Carmarthenshire or own a business or are employed within Carmarthenshire you may ask questions at Scrutiny meetings. Further information is included in our <u>Scrutiny Procedure</u> <u>Rules 10. (3) and (4)</u> or contact us for further information

Keeping up-to-date with what's happening in scrutiny

There are a number of ways you can keep up to date with what is happening in Scrutiny, you can:-

- Subscribe to RSS feed on our website which will automatically update you when agendas and minutes are published. **RSS** stands for "Really Simple Syndication" and is a easily way to keep updated on Scrutiny Committee work. The subscribe button is at the top of this page.
- Download the <u>Modern.gov app</u> which will allow you to automatically download and view meeting paper
- Check our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> feeds for regular updates.

Suggesting a topic for review

 If you think there is an issue that scrutiny should look at, then let us know. You can suggest a topic for review by emailing us, or by downloading and posting our <u>topic</u> <u>suggestion form.</u>

Contribute evidence for scrutiny reviews

When undertaking in scrutiny work, especially in depth reviews, Councillors hope to receive a wide-range of evidence from a number of sources. Submitting evidence will help ensure that your voice is heard and that the Councillors make recommendations that will improve the services from a users perspective. If you are interested in any issues and would like to submit evidence please contact us. Democratic Services, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP. <u>Scrutiny@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</u>