

Scrutiny Management Board



Date of meeting:	24 October 2024
Title of Report:	Scrutiny Development Proposal
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Your Reference:	
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I- Official

Purpose of Report

The proposal by Dr. Dave McKenna aims to enhance the productivity of scrutiny meetings for Plymouth City Council. It outlines an initial two-hour interactive development session designed to help councillors improve their scrutiny practices. The session will focus on effective meeting techniques, impactful questioning, and making recommendations. It will include small group discussions, practical tips, and frameworks from local government and parliamentary scrutiny, as well as insights from conversation experts. The goal is to enable councillors to share best practices and identify practical improvements tailored to their needs. Based on the outcomes of this initial session, a comprehensive development plan will be formulated.

Recommendations and Reasons

That the Scrutiny Management Board considers and approves / suggest amendments to the initial plan.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None – Scrutiny development is a core element of ongoing improvements to governance processes.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report is fundamentally linked to delivering the priorities within the Council's Corporate Plan.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Minor costs will be covered through existing budgets. There is no impact on the MTFP.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

No direct carbon/environmental impacts arising from the recommendations.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

No other implications

Appendices

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