There were 29 responses from Members to Scrutiny self-evaluation survey. Each statement had 5 response options and detailed below are the number of responses per option alongside the percentage in brackets.

Scrutiny Environment								
1. Scrutiny has a clearly defined role in the council's improvement								
arrangements.								
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't	No			
Disagree	_		Agree	know	response			
1 (3.44%)	3 (10.34%)	11 (37.93%)	13 (44.82%)	1 (3.44%)	0			
2. Scrutiny has	2. Scrutiny has a valued role in the council's improvement arrangements.							
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't	No			
Disagree	_		Agree	know	response			
1 (3.44%)	3 (10.34%)	10 (34.48%)	14 (48.27%)	1(3.44%)	0			
3. Scrutiny has the dedicated officer support it needs from officers.								
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't	No			
Disagree	_		Agree	know	response			
1 (3.44%)	4 (13.79%)	13 (44.82%)	11 (37.93%)	0	0			
4. Scrutiny members have the training and development opportunities they								
need to undertake their role effectively								
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't	No			
Disagree			Agree	know	response			
1 (3.44%)	2 (6.89%)	18 (62.06%)	8 (27.58%)	0	0			
5. Scrutiny is recognised by the Executive and Corporate Management team as								
an important council mechanism for community engagement.								
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't	No			
Disagree			Agree	know	response			
1 (3.44%) 4 (13.79%) 12 (41.37%) 9 (31.03%) 2 (6.89%) 1(3.44%)								

Comments:

^{&#}x27;I feel we need another scrutiny officer so we can do more task and finish'

^{&#}x27;Councillors are not elected to be scrutineers or part of a mechanism for 'community engagement'. They are elected to be decision makers at Council and its Committees. In my view the Cabinet and CMT system does not work for the Council, its employees or the public.'

Scrutiny Practice							
6. Scrutiny inquiries (Task & Finish Group) are non-political.							
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No		
Disagree			Agree		response		
2 (6.89%)	5 (17.24%)	14 (48.27%)	6 (20.68%)	2 (6.89%)	0		
7. Scrutiny inquiries (Task & Finish Group) are methodologically sound							
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No		
Disagree			Agree		response		
1 (3.44%)	3 (10.34%)	17 (58.62%)		2 (6.89%)	0		
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9. Stakeholders have the ability to contribute to the development and delivery							
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14. Scrutiny operates non-politically						
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No	
Disagree	·		Agree		response	
3 (10.34%)	11 (37.93%)	7 (24.13%)	6 (20.68%)	2 (6.89%)	0	
15. Scrutiny deals effectively with sensitive political issues, tension and conflict						
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No	
Disagree			Agree		response	
2 (6.89%)	3 (10.34%)	15 (51.72%)	7 (24.13%)	1(3.44%)	0	
16. Scrutiny builds trust and good relationships with a wide variety of internal						
stakeholders.						
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No	
Disagree			Agree		response	
0	5 (17.24%)	14 (48.27%)	8 (27.58%)	2 (6.89%)	0	
17. Scrutiny builds trust and good relationships with a wide variety of external						
stakeholders.						
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No	
Disagree			Agree		response	
0	7 (24.13%)	13 (44.82%)	7 (24.13%)	2 (6.89%)	0	

Comments:

'With apparently over 500 services and 9600 staff, with an overall budget of £600million, Councillors are in the dark as the work undertaken in the 'back offices' of the council, Cabinet Members seem not to be in charge of their portfolios. Scrutiny should meet in the daytime, take longer if necessary, should involve much more of the public and less reports and, more practical visits to see for themselves the work that is done.'

Impact of Scrutiny							
•	17. Scrutiny regularly engages in evidence based challenge of decision						
makers.							
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No		
Disagree			Agree		response		
1(3.44%)	4(13.79%)	15(51.72%)	7(24.13%)	1(3.44%)	1(3.44%)		
18. Scrutiny	regularly eng	ages in evide	nce based cha	allenge of serv	vice		
providers				•			
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No		
Disagree			Agree		response		
0	5 (17.24%)	14 (48.27%)	7 (24.13%)	2 (6.89%)	1 (3.44%)		
19. Scrutiny	19. Scrutiny provides viable and well evidenced solutions to recognised						
problems.				_			
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No		
Disagree			Agree		response		
1 (3.44%)	5 (17.24%)	12 (41.37%)	8 (27.58%)	2 (6.89%)	1 (3.44%)		
15. Non-executive members provide an evidence based check and balance to							
Executive decision making.							
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No		
Disagree			Agree		response		
2 (6.89%)	4 (13.79%)	15 (51.72%)	6 (20.68%)	1 (3.44%)	1 (3.44%)		

^{&#}x27;It still seems hard to get general public to engage in the scrutiny process.'

16. Decision makers give public account for themselves at scrutiny committees for their portfolio responsibilities.						
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No	
Disagree			Agree		response	
3 (10.34%)	5 (17.24%)	10 (34.48%)	9 (31.03%)	1 (3.44%)	1 (3.44%)	
17. Overview and scrutiny enables the 'voice' of local people and communities						
across the area to be heard as part of decision and policy-making processes.						
Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Don't know	No	
Disagree			Agree		response	
2 (6.89%)	5 (17.24%)	14 (48.27%)	6 (20.68%)	1 (3.44%)	1 (3.44%)	

Comments:

'Really difficult to get people involved'

'One cannot blame the staff it is the system that is at fault'

'Because we have pre-decision scrutiny it does not always affect cabinet decisions but cabinet always takes the views of scrutiny on board.'