

# Creating Impact:

## A Scrutiny Symposium

Friday 7th September 2018

Cover Conference Room, County Hall,  
Exeter, EX2 4QD

Hosted by Devon County Council  
in partnership with CfPS and ADSO

- 10.00am**     **Coffee and Registration**
- 10.30am**     **Scrutiny in Devon – a brief history**  
Councillor John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council will take us back to the earliest days of Scrutiny in Devon, and the development of the function over the last 20 years.
- 10.50am**     **Learning from Parliamentary Select Committees**  
Address from Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, Chair of the Commons Health & Social Care Select Committee. Dr Wollaston will draw on her own experience of challenge, scrutiny and policy development at a Parliamentary level.
- 11.00am**     **Creating Impact in Devon**  
Councillor Alistair Dewhirst, Chair of the Corporate, Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee will share his experience of Scrutiny in Devon, including the Task Group reviews he feels have had the greatest impact.
- 11.20am**     **Learning from each other**  
Vicky Church, Scrutiny Officer will outline the objectives for the rest of the day.
- 11.30am**     **Coffee break**

**11.45am Ideas Exchange Round 1 (workshops)**

(see attached for details)

**12.45pm Lunch**

Over the lunch break there will be an opportunity for delegates to review some of Devon County Council's past Task Group work and speak with the Members and officers involved.

**1.45pm Ideas Exchange Round 2 (workshops repeat)**

(see attached for details)

**2.45pm Coffee break**

**3.00pm Expert Scrutiny Panel: Ideas Exchange Feedback and Q&A**

Summing up of the key points from the Ideas Exchange workshops, followed by your chance to put questions to our experienced panel of experts including Ed Hammond (CfPS), John Cade (INLOGOV), Ann Reeder (Frontline Consulting), Anthony Farnsworth (Scrutiny Special Advisor) and Cllr Sara Randall Johnson (Scrutiny Chair).

Chaired by Jan Shadbolt, County Solicitor

**3.50pm Summing up**

From Camilla de Bernhardt Lane, Head of Scrutiny at Devon County Council

**4.00pm Close**

## 'Ideas Exchange' workshops

There are four 'Ideas Exchange' workshops which will be held before and after lunch. Delegates will be asked to select in advance the two workshops they would like to attend.

Each workshop will be introduced by a lead facilitator with experience in the subject area. It will then be over to you to discuss and explore. These sessions are designed as informal affairs supported by facilitated discussion, to allow delegates to learn from each other's experiences and exchange ideas.

<p><b>1) Hearing citizens through Scrutiny</b> <i>Ed Hammond, Director, Centre for Public Scrutiny</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How can councils and Scrutiny Committees encourage engagement with citizens and public participation?</li> <li>- How can we capitalise on our collective learning when it goes wrong?</li> <li>- What opportunities does scrutiny need to create to be able to listen?</li> </ul>	<p><b>2) Using local scrutiny to influence the national agenda</b> <i>Tomas Williams, Parliamentary Outreach Service</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How can scrutiny speak so parliament will listen?</li> <li>- How can local Scrutiny influence policy development and decision making in Westminster?</li> <li>- What methods are available to Scrutiny to engage with local MPs and Parliament?</li> </ul>
<p><b>3) Robust Scrutiny through health &amp; social care Integration</b> <i>Anthony Farnsworth, Devon Scrutiny Special Advisor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How can scrutiny effectively challenge system leadership?</li> <li>- Where are the opportunities for scrutiny to add value to health and social care change?</li> <li>- How can scrutiny operate effectively in a rapidly changing landscape?</li> </ul>	<p><b>4) Creating the Culture – Collaboration with Cabinet</b> <i>Councillor Rob Hannaford, Chair of Children's Scrutiny Committee and Ann Reeder, Frontline Consulting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How do we create a culture where Scrutiny is truly valued by Cabinet and collaborative working is the norm?</li> <li>- How can we move beyond oppositional behaviour but not into subservience?</li> <li>- How does scrutiny ensure better decision making?</li> </ul>