



What's coming up in Overview and Scrutiny - Oct & Nov 2012



As well as regular Committee meetings, there are a number of Scrutiny Inquiries that you may be interested in.

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- Email us at scrutiny@birmingham.gov.uk

Date	Meeting	Start Time
	Location: Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B1 1BB	
Thur 4 th Oct	What Makes us a Brummie inquiry	10:30am
Tues 9 th Oct	Social Cohesion & Community Safety O&S Committee	2pm
Wed 10 th Oct	Academies inquiry	10am
Tues 16 th Oct	Council Meeting Agenda Item: New Ways of Working in Scrutiny	2pm
Wed 17 th Oct	Academies inquiry	10am
	Birmingham Economy and Jobs Committee	2pm
Thur 18 th Oct	Customer Services Working Group	10am
Fri 19 th Oct	Transport, Connectivity and Sustainability Committee	10am
	Action Planning for Sustainable Urban Mobility	10.45am
	Future of the Wholesale Market and petition number 1472 & 1473	10am
Wed 24 th Oct	Health and Social Care O&S Committee	11am
Wed 31 st Oct	Joint Birmingham & Solihull Health Committee (AT SOLIHULL)	11am
	Education and Vulnerable Children O&S Committee	2pm
Fri 2 nd Nov	Governance, Resources and Member Development Committee	10am
	ICT Working Group	2pm
Tues 13 th Nov	Partnership, Contract Performance & the Third Sector Committee	10am
	Health of Birmingham's Third Sector inquiry	12.30pm
	Local Centres Inquiry	2pm
Thur 22 nd Nov	Customer Services Working Group	10am

Please note all meetings are subject to change. Final details and papers are available five working days before the meeting from the Democracy in Birmingham website. www.birmingham.gov.uk/democracy/Pages/Index.aspx To access papers, select 'Scrutiny (Current)' from the 'Meeting Body Type' drop down list, select the relevant committee from the 'Meeting Body' drop down list and then click on GO.

- **What makes us Brummie?** - The Social Cohesion and Community Safety Committee has been collecting evidence on the common links between different communities in Birmingham. Evidence gathering for this inquiry has now closed, but information about the inquiry is available on the Scrutiny webpages and on Twitter at #MyBrum.
- **Academies** - The Education and Vulnerable Children Committee are looking at the role that the local authority will play in supporting the city's schools as more schools convert to Academies. We are interested in hearing the views of parents, schools and residents. To share your comments with the committee please email iram.choudry@birmingham.gov.uk.
- **Devolution: Making it Real** - The Districts and Public Engagement Committee aim to develop a common understanding of what can be achieved by devolution, what needs to happen and change on the way, and how it can be real and relevant for residents, in terms of the quality of services and local opportunity. For more information please contact benita.wishart@birmingham.gov.uk or check out our blog at <http://bhamdistrictscrutiny.wordpress.com>
- **Action Planning for Sustainable Urban Mobility** - The Transport, Connectivity & Sustainability Committee are exploring how well connected Birmingham is and how to ensure we have a safe, welcoming and sustainable transport system. We are exploring the opportunities for improving the use of canals and increasing the number of people cycling in the city. Please check our webpage for information about how to submit evidence.
- **Health of Birmingham's Third Sector** – The Partnership, Contract Performance & the Third Sector Committee will be looking at third sector infrastructure and how the Council can support its development. We are interested in how Third Sector organisations and the City Council can work together to deliver services that meet the needs of the people of Birmingham, when there is less money available to make this happen. For more information please email jenny.drew@birmingham.gov.uk.
- **Local Centres** - The Economy & Jobs Committee is examining what needs to be done to generate growth and employment in local centres. We are exploring how local centres are faring at the moment. The inquiry will examine how local centres can attract visitors from outside the immediate vicinity. Please check our webpage for information about how to submit evidence.
- The Governance, Resources and Member Development Committee have set up working groups to examine a number of issues. The **ICT Working Group** are looking at Live Streaming Council meetings and the **Customer Services Working Group** are examining issues in relation to the Council's customer contact centre. The Committee will also be looking at the **Future of the Wholesale Market and petition number 1472 & 1473**. For more information please email rose.kiely@birmingham.gov.uk.