



Strategic Scrutiny Network

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The Strategic Scrutiny Network is part of our core membership offer and is designed to support councillors in the development of their scrutiny function and role, share good practice and highlight local and national drivers.

Aims

1. Increase collaboration between Councillors, officers and partners.
2. Develop a strong culture of overview and scrutiny in organisations.
3. Share intelligence, knowledge, resources and generate ideas to improve the scrutiny function.
4. Share information on national and regional initiatives to ensure awareness and consistency.
5. Create a learning space to share strategic and practical contributions and value learning from others.

2. Membership

The network is open to North West Employers members, both Councillors and officers.

3. Accountability

The network is facilitated by North West Employers and supported by a steering group, made up of councillor and officer representatives from across the region.

The steering group will meet three times a year to design and progress work programmes and support the aims of the network.

All network members are able to contribute to shaping the programme and are responsible for sharing the learning back in their organisations.

North West Employers will capture the outputs and actions from each event and share these with the network.

Network members are responsible for advising North West Employers of any changes to Chair and Vice Chair appointments.



4. Ways of working

The programme encourages contributions and discussion on an informal basis to encourage sharing of ideas and exchanges across the group.

The network will be facilitated by North West Employers and led by the Chair.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the network will be selected by nomination and election by network members.

The network will meet 3 times a year and North West Employers will organise and facilitate.

Agendas will be circulated in advance and network dates will be set in advance for the municipal year.

The network will strengthen ties and connections with the NW Officers Scrutiny Network.

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed by the steering group on an annual basis and shared with network members to ensure the network remains fit for purpose.

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