

# Scrutiny of Strategic Partnerships

## Synopsis

This module will look at the potential for effective scrutiny of partnerships. Drawing on comparative examples of the scrutiny of partnerships in action it will examine the main roles that overview and scrutiny can play in relation to Local Strategic Partnerships, Local Area Agreements and identify effective outcomes from scrutiny. The module will focus on the legislative context and the new scrutiny powers arising from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the new statutory LAA framework

## Objectives

- Understand the main elements of the framework for strategic partnerships within which councils in England work, including LSPS and related sub-partnerships
- Understand the local arrangements of the Local Strategic Partnership
- Understand the main elements of the LAA including what has been agreed locally
- Understand and put into practice the main roles that overview and scrutiny can play in relation to LSPs and be able to identify effective outcomes from scrutiny

## Facilitator Knowledge and Skills

- Detailed knowledge of the Community Strategy, Local partnership arrangements including sub partnerships
- Knowledge of LAA. This will include national requirements and practice, and the specific local arrangements.
- Knowledge of the legislative context for Overview and Scrutiny including the LG Act 2000 and LGPIH Act 2007 and Statutory Guidance; when published during Autumn 2008.
- Roles of scrutiny and how these can be applied both inside and outside of the council. Including been able to draw on examples across local Government

## Content

- **Introductions**
- **Module Expectations and Learning Outcomes**
- **Presentation: Understanding Strategic Partnerships**, Sub partnerships, Role of LSPs, Sustainable Community Strategy, LAA and other key strategies involving the LSP and its sub partnerships
- Engaging Councillors in the LAA
- **Activity; Understanding your LSP**
- **Presentation: Partnerships and Scrutiny**, Scrutiny powers and the LAA, Main roles of Scrutiny and applying the roles to the scrutiny of

partnerships, Legal basis for Partnership Scrutiny, Key challenges for the Scrutiny of Partnerships

- **Activity: Partnership Scrutiny in Practice- Scrutiny of the LAA.**
- **Review and Evaluation**

The module will combine group activity and facilitated presentation. The module will take **2** hours to deliver with a group of 10-15 Councillors

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