

## Getting Involved

Scrutiny committees and panels aim to actively engage people in the decision-making processes of the Council and highlight local issues.

The scrutiny process encourages public debate and greater public involvement, particularly on issues that interest or affect them. Anyone can get involved by attending meetings and by participating in the committee's investigations.

## Agendas

Agendas for scrutiny meetings are published five working days in advance of each meeting. The work programme is under the list of reports.

Meetings papers are also available from the Perceval House Customer Centre, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, or from one of the main libraries.

## Come Along to a Scrutiny Meeting

All meetings are open the public. However, public participation within the meeting is at the discretion of the committee/panel chair.

## Offer to Contribute your Views and Ideas at a Scrutiny Meeting

If you have particular knowledge of a topic being scrutinised, or have a point of view you wish to communicate – why not offer to contribute at a scrutiny meeting. Contact the Scrutiny Unit on (020) 8825 7497 or [scrutiny@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@ealing.gov.uk) for further information.

## Suggesting a Topic

Local people and organisations can suggest topics for future scrutiny.

To qualify, issues suggested must:

- Affect a group or community of people (scrutiny does not consider individual service complaints)
- Not have been considered by a scrutiny during the last 12 months

Topics are more likely to be selected for scrutiny if they are:

- Specific
- Achievable
- Likely to generate productive outcomes
- Timely and relevant
- Of public interest

Each year around January-March the scrutiny unit invites topics for possible inclusion in the work programme for the following municipal year (May-April).

Alternatively you can print and complete the [Scrutiny Topic Suggestion Form](#) and email it to [scrutiny@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@ealing.gov.uk) or post it to the Scrutiny Unit, London Borough of Ealing, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Perceval House, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, W5 2HL