

Centre for Public Scrutiny Ten Principles for Overview and Scrutiny (2011)

1. Accountability must be built in from the start of all commissioning processes.
2. Constructive scrutiny can help organisations ascend not descend in the face of challenges.
3. We need a new “spirit of openness” across all public services.
4. Scrutiny enables councillors to act as a the voice and conscience of their place.
5. Scrutiny should embrace and champion open data.
6. Involvement means talking to and asking communities about things that they are interested in.
7. Local government is about democracy not just delivering services.
8. Transparency must increase understanding the impact and value, not just publish data.
9. We need a listening culture not a broadcasting one, including through using technology.
10. Scrutiny and accountability can help improve understanding of risk.