

Scrutiny Panel

Frequently Asked Questions

What does a scrutiny panel do? A scrutiny panel works as a group to investigate and challenge our performance and influence our policies and services.

Will all recommendations be automatically approved? Recommendations cannot be automatically approved. Our functions are determined by law, budget and elected cabinet members.

Many of our functions are governed by law. Recommendations which can be approved will be, and training will be provided to allow you to make robust recommendations with the knowledge of these obligations. If a recommendation cannot be approved you will be told why. We will publish all recommendations and responses annually.

Will there be training provided? There will be training provided to those joining the scrutiny panel and we can offer additional training for those wishing to further their knowledge in a specific area.

How many are you recruiting? Our scrutiny panel groups will have up to 11 members, if we receive a high level of interest there will be more than one group formed.

How often will there be meetings? The group will meet monthly with a minimum of 10 meetings per year.

Where will the meetings be held? There are a few locations which can be considered for in person meetings, however the group may decide to hold the group in a virtual or hybrid setting.

What commitment will be required outside of the meeting? There is likely to be some reading or other work involved before each group meeting which is likely to take between 30 minutes and 2 hours depending on the detail and topic being covered.

Will I be paid to take part? No payment or financial incentive is being offered for taking part in the scrutiny group.

What is in it for me? You will be helping to improve the service tenants receive, helping save taxpayers money and be gaining useful knowledge and skills which will enhance your CV.



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What experience is required? We are looking for people who like to like to investigate and work well in a group. There is no specific set of skills required to join, and you do not need to have any previous experience in housing.

Will everyone who applies join the panel get a place? We are looking to recruit a maximum of eight tenants with differing skills and backgrounds which may mean not everyone who applies to join will have a place.

Am I able to participate if I have different needs to others? We will be able to offer a range of ways to participate. If you have any concerns about being able to participate, please discuss these with us by emailing tenant.contact@ashford.gov.uk or by calling 01233 330573 to speak to our Tenant Engagement Officer.

What if I have other questions about the scrutiny panel or applying? You can find out more by emailing tenant.contact@ashford.gov.uk or by calling 01233 330573 to speak to our Tenant Engagement Officer.

How do I apply? You can apply over the phone by calling 01233 330573 or if you prefer you can complete the online form by scanning the QR code or clicking the link underneath.

Click on the following link to apply: <https://forms.office.com/e/97hjc2xKGi>

Or, scan the QR code below to submit your application

