

# Welcome from CfGS!

## Most popular learning event ever!

- **300** total sign-ups
- **189** councils and other organisations
- **62%** councillors and **38%** officers/staff
- **Wide geographic spread** across England and Wales including London boroughs, county councils, metropolitan authorities, district councils and unitary councils
- Also representation from combined authorities, professional networks and community organisations

**We**  **Scrutiny**



As a leading charity and national centre of expertise, we are committed to empowering organisations with the tools and knowledge to enhance governance and scrutiny

Our mission is to support better decision making for the public good

# What we will talk about today



**What scrutiny  
is and where it  
fits in**



**Discuss critical  
success factors**



**Learning  
from others**



**How to find  
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expand your  
knowledge**

# The four principles of good scrutiny

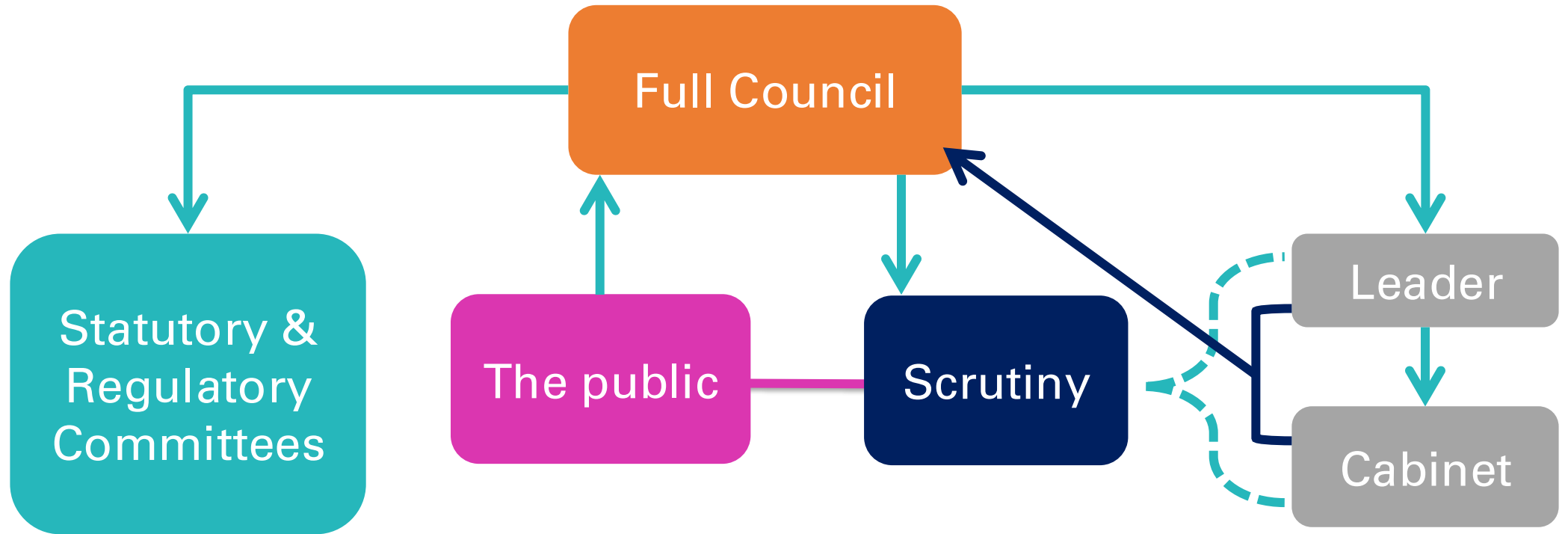
Provides  
constructive  
“critical friend”  
challenge

Amplifies the voice  
and concerns of  
the public

Is led by  
independent-  
minded people

Drives  
improvement in  
public services

# How scrutiny fits into decision making



Elects / appoints



Sets direction



Has an interest



Holds to account



# Effective scrutiny

**Balanced  
work  
programme**

**Right items**

**Right way**

**Right time**

**Evidence  
based**

**Performance data**

**External research**

**Resident feedback**

**Staff and partners**

**Member led**

**Objective**

# Common pitfalls

**Poor  
engagement  
with Cabinet**

**Dominant  
voices**

**Lack of or  
poor  
information**

**Too much  
data!**



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# Your feedback

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