

Collecting Evidence Through Questioning

Please note this is not a public meeting but a development session

Date(s) Thursday 3 February 2011
Time(s): starting at 10.00 am
Venue(s): Chestnut Room, Conference and Development Centre, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

Brief description

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The objectives are to:

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Practice planning lines of questioning for exploring an issue,
Examine how scrutiny can conduct effective inquiries
Consider how best to promote and maintain discursive and investigative scrutiny processes

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Number of attendees: unlimited

This session may be of particular interest for: all non executive members

Trainer / Course provider: De Montford University, Leicester
Professor Colin Copus

Programme

Please see supporting documents.

Please note

1. Different venues, times and days are proposed when possible to enable as many councillors to attend but we do have to use the one(s) with the most possible attendees.
2. Following a development session the information, if possible, will be made available on the Councillor Development Area on the Intranet.
3. If you are not able to attend a session that you were very interested in and the information cannot be made available on line it may be possible to organise a one-to-one with a relevant officer or a personal development session; if you are interested please contact Marie Gondlach (details below).
4. Pre-booking is essential. If you do not book 3 working days in advance, catering (if applicable) cannot be guaranteed, nor parking or seating at the venue.
5. There is a cost to providing any development event. If you are unable to attend a previously booked course, please let Marie Gondlach know so that the place can be offered to others.
6. Co-opted members, Town and Parish Councillors, Partners and Councillors from neighbouring authorities may be in attendance at some sessions.

If you would like to attend please contact:

Wiltshire Councillors do not need to complete a request form for this session but for administrative purposes please let us know if you wish to attend

Email: CouncillorDevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk

Fax: 01225 713 099

Tel: 01225 718375 (Rita Sanders) 01225 713 597 (Marie Gondlach)

Post: Democratic Services, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Access to the venue

Please see supporting documents.

The Chestnut room is situated on the ground floor behind main reception.

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Local Governance Research Unit

Overview and Scrutiny: Collecting Evidence Through Questioning

Presenter:

**Professor Colin Copus, Director of the Local Governance Research Unit,
De Montfort University, Leicester.**

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10.00 am: Introductions

10.10 am - 11.15.am: How to develop a line of investigation and questioning (to include a group discussion exercise)

11.15 -11.30am: -Break

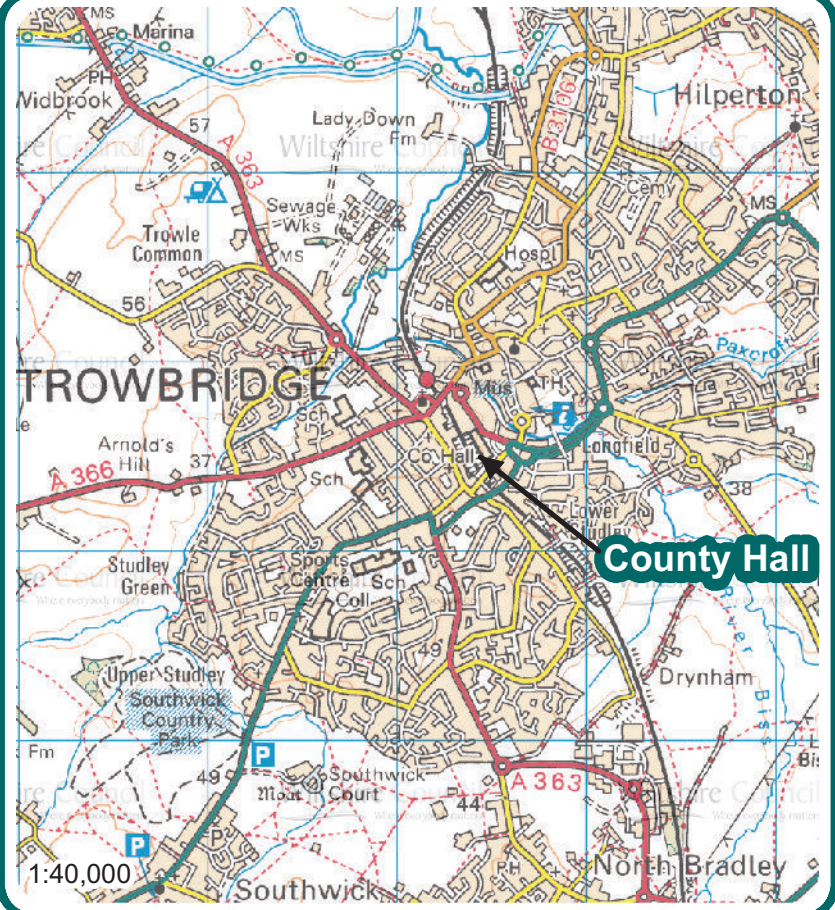
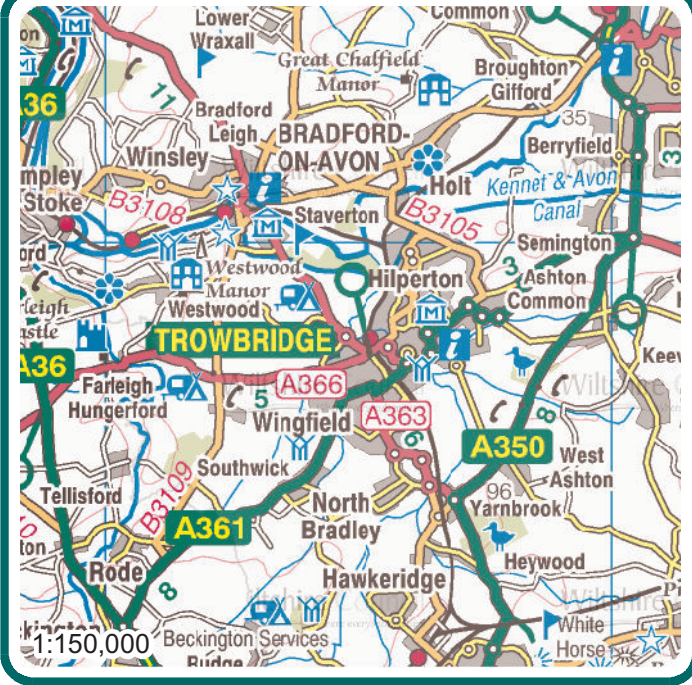
11.30 – 12.45pm: Identifying and developing Good Investigative Skills (to include a group discussion exercise)

12.45 – 1.45pm: Lunch

1.45pm – 3.00pm: Developing Investigations and Questioning to Suit the Subject (To include individual exercise followed by plenary debate)

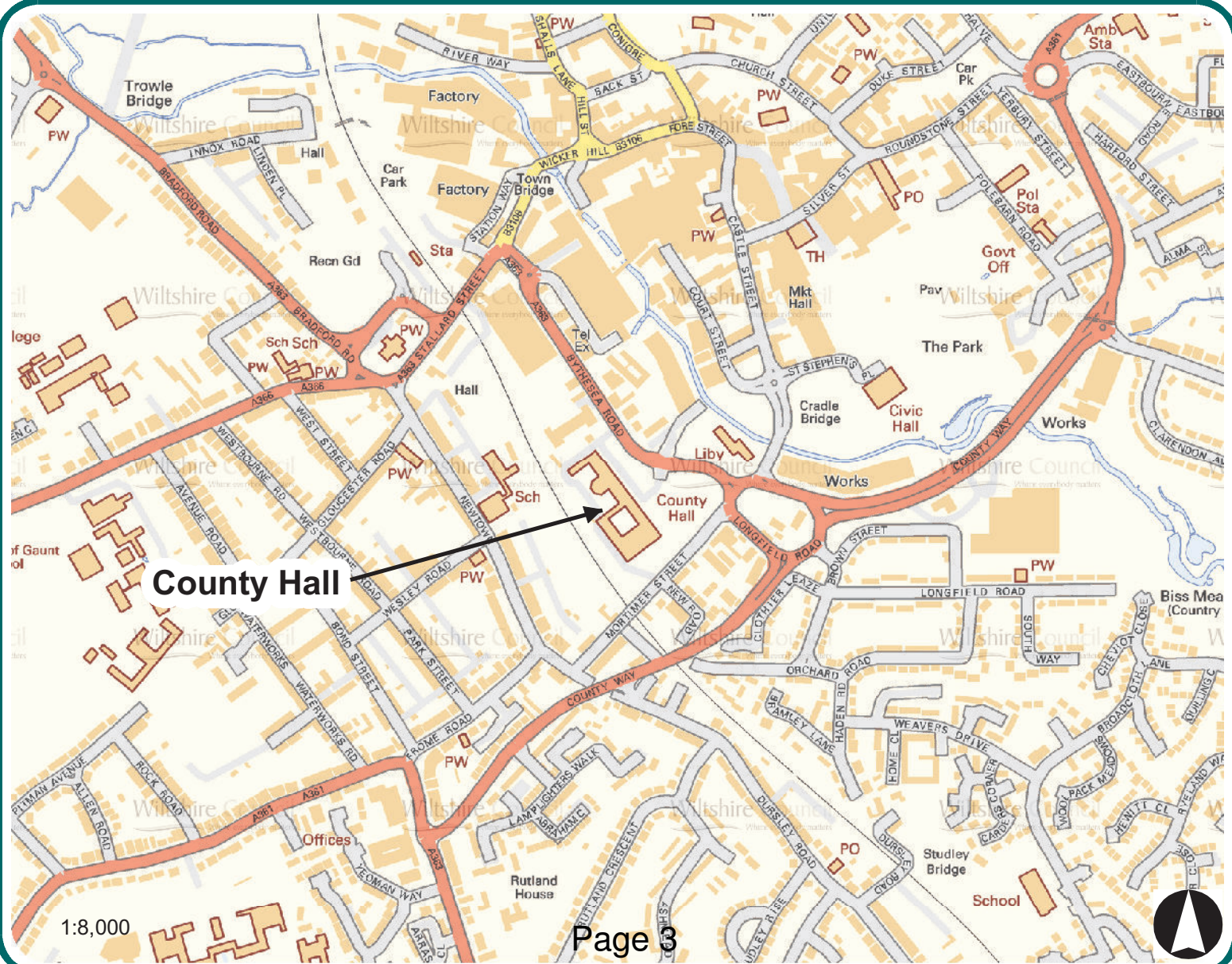
3.00 – 4.00pm: Round-table Discussion of Questioning and Scrutiny

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