

Short C.V. for Dr Stephanie Snape

Dr Stephanie Snape (BA Hons Oxon, PhD Bristol) is Research Director of the English Regions Network Research & Development Programme at the Institute of Governance & Public Management, University of Warwick. She took up her Warwick post in November 2002. Prior to moving to Warwick, Stephanie was Associate Director of the Institute of Local Government Studies (INLOGOV), University of Birmingham. During her time at INLOGOV, Stephanie built up a national reputation for her work on new council constitutions. She was project leader for the national evaluation of new political management arrangements in local government, funded by IDeA and DETR, and was lead author of the final report and author of the *Self-Evaluation Toolkit* for new political structures (published by DETR/IDeA). Stephanie has spoken on various aspects of new political structures at a variety of conferences and workshops. She completed a project with Chris Skelcher of INLOGOV on Political Executives and the New Ethical Framework (for DETR/IDeA). She has undertaken research, consultancy and training for a number of authorities who have developed new political structures. She was a member of the core project team of the Modular Constitutions project which was commissioned by DETR. In January 2001, Stephanie was appointed Specialist Adviser to a Parliamentary Sub-Committee inquiry on new political structures. She also led the INLOGOV team which undertook a DTLR project on identifying good practice in overview and scrutiny. This project reported in September 2002. Stephanie also worked on a range of other local government issues at INLOGOV, including unitary local government, partnership working, the history of local government, comparative local government and the interface between health and local government. She is a specialist on the evaluation of public policy and has written extensively on the subject. She edits the premier local government academic journal, *Local Government Studies*.

Current & Recent Research Projects

- Research Director for Warwick ERN Research & Development Programme, which for 2003/04 involves five research projects.
- Project Leader for ERN funded evaluation of regional scrutiny. Reported in Spring 2003.
- Project Leader for DTLR funded evaluation of overview & scrutiny arrangements in English local government. Reported in September 2002.
- Project Leader for DETR/IDeA funded national evaluation of new political management arrangements in local government, which reported in April 2000.
- Worked with Chris Skelcher on a DETR/IDeA funded project examining the relationship between political executives & the new ethical framework.

- Co-convenor (with Dr Shirley McIver of the Health Services Management Centre) of an ESRC funded seminar series, 'Improving Partnerships between Health and Local Authorities'.
- Undertook research and development to support inter-agency working to improve the health of a deprived community in South Cheshire, funded by a range of statutory agencies, with M. Willis & Shirley McIver.
- Evaluated scrutiny arrangements of Wiltshire County Council, with Frances Taylor.

Selected Academic & Practitioners Outputs

'Closer to the Customer? Local Government and International Experience', *Public Policy & Administration*, 1996, Vol 11 No 4, pp.45-55, with J. Fenwick.

'Modernising Standards of Conduct: Ethics & the Councillor', *Parliamentary Affairs*, forthcoming January 2001, with C. Skelcher.

'New Political Management Arrangements', *Local Governance*, Issue 3 of 2000.

'Scrutiny', *Local Governance*, Issue 3 of 2000, forthcoming, with F. Taylor.

'The Performance of New Unitary Councils in England', *Local Governance*, 1999, Vol 2, Issue 3, with J. Raine.

'Three Years On: Reviewing the Local Government Modernisation Programme', *Local Governance*, Issue 3 of 2000, forthcoming.

'New Political Structures: Learning from the Pioneers', *Solace Journal*, Summer 2000, pp12-13.

A Hard Nut to Crack? Making Overview & Scrutiny Work, Paper in the LGA Designing Governance: Issues in Modernisation series, April 2001, with F. Taylor.

'Chapter Five: Councillors and Overview and Scrutiny', in *A Councillor's Guide 2001*, IDeA, 2001.

Overview and Scrutiny Module: Advanced Level, IDeA Modern Members programme, IDeA, 2001, with L. McQue, F. Taylor & V. Hewitt.

Methodological and Theoretical Approaches to Evaluation, Discussion Paper, April 1997, PHRRC, University of Salford.

New Forms of Political Management Arrangements, IDeA/DETR, 2000, with S. Leach, D. Hall, F. Taylor, J. Stewart & M. Clarke.

New Forms of Political Management Arrangements: Self Evaluation Toolkit, IDeA/DETR, 2000.

Political Executives & the New Ethical Framework: Interim Report, INLOGOV, for DETR/IDeA, with C. Skelcher, May 2000.

Political Executives & the New Ethical Framework: Final Report, IDeA/DETR, with C. Skelcher, November 2000.

Editorial Positions

Editor of *Local Governance* from November 1999 to March 2001.

Currently Editor of *Local Government Studies* (from January 2001).