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‘LEP’ forward for regulatory services

LBRO is working with Midlands’ regulators and businesses on initiatives to give regulatory services a full role in local enterprise partnerships (LEPs). Business Minister Mark Prisk MP is keen to see services such as trading standards and environmental health support LEPs in delivery of economic development. He has welcomed steps taken by by Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, working with LBRO, to help council enforcement officers better understand business needs. LBRO has also been working with Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and the Shadow LEP Board to ensure good regulation is at the heart of thinking in the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP. The Chamber is surveying its members for their views on what challenges they perceive in local regulation.

www.lbro.org.uk/news-partnership-could-liberate-leicestershire.htm

Slough targets big business through Primary Authority

Slough Borough Council, home to Europe’s largest trading estate, has taken advantage of an LBRO support package to help them target big business. Close support on Primary Authority to facilitate partnerships with all types of business is available on a request basis, subject to capacity. International businesses CB Richard Ellis and KFC are among the recent sign-ups. There are currently 747 primary authority partnerships involving 225 businesses, more than 36,000 premises and more than 920,000 employees.

Full story: www.lbro.org.uk/news-slough-support.html

Partnerships: www.lbro.org.uk/lbro-projects-list-of-partnerships.html

Joint commitment to professional regulators

LBRO and the professional bodies for trading standards and environmental health are working on a shared statement of commitment for future support following changes at the Local Government Group. In order to provide continuity and peer network at a time of considerable change, LBRO, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, and the Trading Standards Institute, have jointly committed to supporting regulatory officers in protecting consumers and supporting businesses. Working in collaboration with local government and its existing frameworks, we have agreed to develop and embed the competency framework, offer joint governance for the Home Authority scheme and facilitate technical groups and their delivery of advice and guidance.

www.lbro.org.uk/news-joint-intent.html

Competency progress

A new leaflet on progress towards common professional standards of competency in local regulatory services is available on our website. Working with the CIEH, HSE and TSI, and the World Class Coalition, the aim is to embed the principles of good regulation focussed on compliance. The needs of regulators are identified and addressed through self-assessment and simple online tools, supporting continuous professional development.

Download the leaflet at www.lbro.org.uk/publications-home.html

Save the date

Shared learning seminar, district & borough councils, Nottingham, May 18.

www.lbro.org.uk/publications-events.html

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