



## TOP TEN: PRIMARY AUTHORITY

The number of Primary Authority agreements has reached double figures, even though the scheme has been operational for just five months. Ten companies have now formed a statutory partnership with a single local authority, which then provides robust advice other councils must take into account when carrying out inspections or dealing with non-compliance. In addition, our bespoke IT system will be upgraded this month, allowing Primary Authorities to maintain their own data and record post enforcement actions more effectively. For background information, see:

[www.lbro.org.uk/lbro-projects-primary-authority.html](http://www.lbro.org.uk/lbro-projects-primary-authority.html)

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## LOOKING FORWARD: CORPORATE PLAN SUMMARY

In the current economic climate, it is vital to support businesses and communities towards recovery through better local regulation. Our plans for the next three years are described in a summary of our second corporate plan. This focuses on our delivery programmes, engagement work and ideas, as well as highlighting our achievements to date. For a copy of the document, see:

[www.lbro.org.uk/publications-lbro-documents.html](http://www.lbro.org.uk/publications-lbro-documents.html)

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## COUNTRY LIFE: TRADING PLACES

We have been approached by the National Farmers' Union to develop a new version of Trading Places. A brief but intensive study course in the countryside will offer the chance for council personnel to speak to farmers face-to-face and gain a better understanding of agricultural businesses. Improving the regulatory environment is an objective shared by the NFU and LBRO. For general information on Trading Places, a practical learning experience endorsed by CBI, British Chambers of Commerce, the British Retail Consortium, CIEH and TSI, see:

[www.lbro.org.uk/lbro-projects-trading-places.html](http://www.lbro.org.uk/lbro-projects-trading-places.html)

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## ON THE BALL: LBRO CONFERENCE 2009

Well-known businesswoman Karren Brady will address our annual conference in London on 19 November. She joins a distinguished line up of speakers including Ian Lucas, the Minister for Business and Regulatory Reform at BIS. The overall theme of this prestigious event is the new relationship between business, regulators and consumers. To attend, see:

[www.neilstewartassociates.com/sa257](http://www.neilstewartassociates.com/sa257)

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