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# LBRO NEWS

## **Solid mandate for the future**

There have been a number of announcements regarding the consultations in the past few weeks on the future of LBRO, extending Primary Authority and [Transforming Regulatory Enforcement](#). LBRO has welcomed the Government's response, which gives a solid mandate for the new Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO) within BIS.

## **Expertise and focus on delivery**

The Government's response recognises our focus on delivery, effective representation of business views and involvement of professional bodies such as TSI and CIEH. BRDO will help simplify the regulatory system and drive improvements in regulatory delivery that support growth. It will provide a forum for business engagement at the heart of the regulatory system, and advice on regulatory delivery within central government.

## **Transforming the culture of enforcement**

The Government has stated its intention to "transform the culture of enforcement" so that businesses will see a real difference. There will be a review of all regulators, and sunset review clauses will be applied to new regulators. Higher profile will be given to the Regulators' Compliance Code and there will be a presumption that regulators should help businesses comply with the law, and no business should face a sanction for simply having asked for advice.

## **Expansion of Primary Authority**

One of BRDO's principal roles will be to operate and extend Primary Authority. Those who responded to the consultation identified the value to business of the scheme: increasing confidence, reducing costs and improving protection for consumers and workers. In its response to the consultation, and to the Löfstedt Review, the Government has committed to extending Primary Authority so that it is more comprehensive, enables earned recognition of compliant businesses and provides more benefits for smaller business; and to working with HSE and other national regulators to ensure a consistent, cohesive, strategic approach.

## **Experience and insight of business and regulators**

As Primary Authority grows, it is increasingly important to ensure those involved in partnerships are able to shape its future. We therefore intend to create a Primary Authority User Group which will work in a similar way to the Local Authority Reference Panel, the World Class Coalition and Business Reference Panel, using the experience and insight of those who are already part of the scheme to aid its development. Membership will include business and local authorities to reflect the profile of existing Primary Authority partnerships. Email [Helen.Buckingham@lbro.org](mailto:Helen.Buckingham@lbro.org) for details.

**All at LBRO wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**

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