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LBRO NEWS

Taking stock, moving forward

LBRO has published a review document, *Taking Stock, Moving Forward*, outlining its view of the future for better local regulation. The publication seeks views on how LBRO plans to re-focus its strategic objectives to support the improvement of local authority regulatory services; deliver consistency through Primary Authority; and enhance the local regulatory system.

www.lbpro.org.uk/docs/taking-stock,-moving-forward.pdf

10 for '10 Toolkit for prosperous New Year

To mark the start of 2010, LBRO has launched a *10 for '10 Toolkit* of ideas, information and practical solutions to help local authority regulators as they serve their communities. The products and services are designed to help local authorities deliver protection for consumers and the public, as well as increased prosperity.

www.lbpro.org.uk/10-for-10.html

New faces on the team

Local government expert Claire Bridges is LBRO's new Director of Policy Engagement. Claire has managed a variety of portfolios at the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA), including the Beacons Award Scheme and sustainable communities programmes. Lorna Thompson has accepted a two-year secondment from the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) to be Senior Policy Officer for Wales.

Three new Primary Authority partnerships for Bolton

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council has agreed Primary Authority, partnerships with three manufacturing firms. Cosatto Ltd and Georgia Pacific are covered for product safety and consumer credit; Sayers the Bakers, which has over 150 outlets in the North West, is covered for food standards, food safety and health and safety. Another agreement is imminent. Good Food 2 Go in West Sussex, which manufactures high quality ready-meal food products, has signed up with Horsham District Council's Food Safety Team for food hygiene issues. For a full list of partnerships, click the link to our website.

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

Local solutions to curb irresponsible drinking

Moves to curb irresponsible drinking have prompted LBRO to call for a 'revisit of existing solutions', particularly in preventing alcohol sales to underage drinkers. LBRO's research highlighted the success of local councils and police working in partnership with businesses eager to address the issue.

www.lbpro.org.uk/local-solutions-to-curb-irresponsible-drinking.htm

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The launch of the Excellence Framework