

## **ALEHM Position Statement Local Better Regulation Office (LBRO)**

### **AIM**

This position statement sets out the initial views of ALEHM towards the proposals for setting up the LBRO. The statement will be revisited regularly and in light of changes associated with the development of LBRO.

### **Scope and remit of LBRO**

To deliver a significant reduction in burdens on business through

Also making sure that Government does not overburden delivery agents.

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### **ALEHM's Position**

ALEHM is pleased to be involved as a key stakeholder and to contribute constructively to the development of an effective LBRO. ALEHM will endeavour to support the LBRO Set Up Team in any way it can.

- Raising the profile of environmental health services  
ALEHM is pleased to support any initiative that raises the profile of environmental health services and the impact of those services on local communities including the business community.
- ALEHM supports the need to ensure Government Departments join together to facilitate linked and co-ordinated strategies and policies. Also to ensure that Government does not overburden local authority delivery of services.
- ALEHM also supports the continued drive towards consistency and best value within service delivery. Effective regulation and effective co-ordination of regulation is key to a successful environmental health function.
- Scope  
ALEHM believes that the LBRO needs to cover the full breadth of environmental health function and to fully acknowledge the public health impact of the services.

- **Democratic Process**  
This is fundamental to local government. ALEHM is concerned at how the requirements from LBRO will be interpreted at the regional and local level. ALEHM is concerned that the “duty to cooperate” will not lie comfortably with locally and democratically determined priorities and resource allocation.
- **LACORS**  
ALEHM is concerned at the potential for duplicity with the functions of both agencies.
- ALEHM supports the existing regional networks/fora and are concerned that all the relevant agencies work towards using the existing framework that is established and well recognised.

Setting National priorities and performance framework

Funding of services

ALEHM remains cautious of the processes involved