

## **Local Better Regulation Office (LBRO) Schemes – Information**

- a) **Trading Places** – This aims to foster a greater understanding between local authority regulatory services and the businesses they monitor brings benefits for both parties. This removes cultural barriers to communication, strengthens working relationships, encourages mutual trust, and promotes a partnership approach to achieving compliance.

Please see link <http://www.lbro.org.uk/docs/trading-places-overview-2.pdf>

- b) **Primary Authority Scheme** - Businesses should be able to rely on the environmental health, licensing and trading standards advice received from local authorities, in the knowledge that it is expert opinion, applicable across the UK, and a secure basis for investment and operational decisions. For the first time, companies have the right to form a statutory partnership with a single local authority, which then provided robust and reliable advice for other councils to take into account when carrying out inspections or dealing with non-compliance. The scheme builds on the foundation created by voluntary home and lead authority initiatives, but entails a fundamental shift in the nature of the relationship between the regulated and the regulator - bringing benefits to both parties. The scheme is relevant for those businesses who trade across council boundaries.

Please see <http://www.lbro.org.uk/lbro-projects-key-aspects.html> and for further information please contact [graham.grey@lbro.org.uk](mailto:graham.grey@lbro.org.uk)

- c) **Retail Enforcement Pilot** - This was set up in 2004 to encourage councils to find new ways of reducing the regulatory burdens on law-abiding businesses, with resulting spin-off benefits for consumers and workers. It basically entails clusters of environmental health, fire safety, licensing and trading standards services cooperating more closely over a 12 month period, to better coordinate inspection and enforcement activities and focus resources on higher risk companies.

Please see <http://www.lbro.org.uk/docs/cred-report-overview.pdf> which gives an overview on the impact on business. The final report on the lessons learnt from the REP pilot will be published shortly and posted on the LBRO website.

- d) **Better Regulation** – a one stop portal to raise issues relating to local regulation and inconsistencies – [www.betterregulation.gov.uk](http://www.betterregulation.gov.uk). Queries relating to areas within LBRO scope i.e. legislation issues relating to Trading Standards, Environmental Health, Licensing and Fire Safety will be referred to us

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