

**Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for delivering business regulation - reforming enforcement regimes and expanding the Primary Authority scheme**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Venue: Johnnie Walker Room, The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon the Lord Whitty**, Vice President, Environmental Protection UK, and Vice President, Trading Standards Institute
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Regulatory enforcement - an overview of recent policy direction and industry reaction**  
**Professor Bridget Hutter**, Professor of Risk Regulation, Department of Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Science  
**Rob Warren**, Director, IFF Research and Contributor, *Business Perceptions Survey 2012*  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.00 **A business perspective on Government's current strategy**  
**Sir William Sargent**, Joint Chief Executive and Co-founder, Framestore and Permanent Secretary, Regulatory Reform, HM Government (2005-2009)  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 - 10.55 **Reforming the regulatory landscape - in search of a "different and more mature relationship with business"**  
*How successful has Government's agenda for reform since the "Transforming Regulatory Enforcement" discussion paper been - including its subsequent Focus on Enforcement campaign - and what challenges remain for encouraging a renewed relationship between businesses and regulators? How might the Regulators' Compliance Code be further reformed to support the development of transparent, accountable and effective regulatory regimes? What alternatives to conventional enforcement models are proving most successful since the paper, and what challenges remain for promoting the wider use of co-regulation? What role can local enterprise partnerships play in bringing regulators and business together to develop new regulatory regimes? What are the risks of treating businesses as customers to the regulatory framework, and have adequate safeguards been considered for employees, consumers and local communities?*  
**Susan Marks**, Social Policy Officer - Consumer Affairs, Citizens Advice Bureau  
**Sarah Appleby**, Head of Enforcement and Local Authority Delivery, Food Standards Agency  
**Nick Lowe**, Food Operations Manager, Birmingham City Council  
**Martin Traynor**, Chief Executive, Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce  
**Henry Ashworth**, Chief Executive, Portman Group  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon the Lord Whitty**, Vice President, Environmental Protection UK, and Vice President, Trading Standards Institute
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon the Lord Deben**, Secretary of State for the Environment (1993-1997)
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Expanding Primary Authority - coherence, accountability and best practice**  
*Stakeholder perspectives on Government's aims to expand the use of Primary Authority Partnerships (PAPs) and analysis of their use and performance since the creation of the Better Regulation Delivery Office. How can more businesses be encouraged to use PAPs, and what impact will current provisions included in the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill have on the involvement of SMEs, franchise outlets and other non-commercial support organisations such as trade bodies and associations? Will reforms adequately support the development of earned recognition between businesses and regulatory authorities, and how can the potential risks of 'light touch' enforcement and inspection be avoided or mitigated? Should the use of PAPs be expanded to cover more areas of enforcement - such as fire safety and age-restricted sales - and in what situations should the autonomy of local regulators be preserved?*  
**Nicky Loadman**, Consultant, Bond Pearce  
**Paul Downhill**, Consumer Affairs Manager, Home Retail Group  
**Elaine Harbour**, Head of Local Authority Unit, HSE  
**Mike Cherry**, National Policy Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses  
**Steve Miller**, Head of Public Protection, London Borough of Newham and Head, Joint Local Authorities Regulatory Service (JLARS)  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Regulatory enforcement and primary authority - priorities ahead for the Better Regulation Delivery Office**  
**Graham Russell**, Chief Executive, Better Regulation Delivery Office  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
**Lord Tunncliffe of Bracknell**  
**Marc Gammon**, Producer, Westminster Business Forum