

LACORS Update

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- General points & FSA partnership
- Food Hygiene
- Food Standards
- Healthy Eating

Part I

Current & Future Environment

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Political and economic

UK £2 trillion in debt

- Decade of Debt
- Massive Council savings needed

***The challenge:* How can this be achieved whilst maintaining services?**

Current environment

How are EH & TS currently approaching this challenge?

Various approaches: (1)

- Changing LA staff deployment
- Shared Local Authority services
- Prioritisation and targeting ...
...of limited LA resources

Current environment

Various approaches(2)

- Links with other inspectorates
- Use of questionnaires
- Statistical sample approaches etc
- Using more partial or 'quick visits'
- Geographical or sector targeting

Current environment

How can LACORS provide support?

- Helping make sure
 - guidance is clear but allows
 - flexibility for innovation
- Working with & challenging the FSA / representing LAs
- Facilitate networking at national meetings & seminars
- Help share LAs good practice and experience
- promote cross boundary working & sharing of expertise

Future environment

How might the Conservatives approach the challenge?



Political and economic

'the enforcement landscape'

.....some emerging themes

Future environment

Prioritisation and targeting

- Conservatives business friendly policies?
(i.e. ... for compliant businesses)
- Third party audits arrangements
- What's their position about LBRO?
- Primary Authority Scheme/Home Authority

Making LA work more effective /targeted?

Future environment

Local-ism ... and joined up delivery
what might this mean?

Consideration of all public money spent locally
....and its effective use should help:

- establish better links with other organisations
- and minimise duplication and overlap

Future environment

Political and economic

- LGA initiative 'Total Place' –
 - Puts LAs at the centre
 - Potential of doing (achieving) more with less?
 - But depends on
- ...a different relationship with central government?

Political and economic

a changing 'enforcement landscape'

Future of:

Counties

the FSA

LBRO

LACORS

LACORS work continues....!



Political and economic

LACORS work area assured for the future?

Yes....but changes pending for its delivery

- Shared services – and rationalisation
- Closer working with the LGA
- Communication arrangements
- Possible branding changes
- Website development work!

Part II

LACORS issues & activity report

Partnership work with the FSA

Low points....

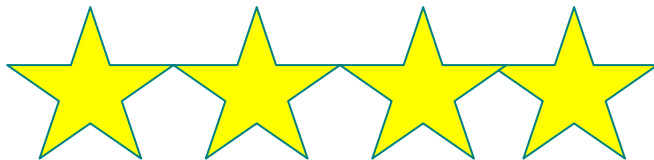
- Scores on the doors
- LAEMS
- 28 days issue

Better examples of partnership

- Food Champions
- Sharing Good Practice from audits
- Regional presence roll out



FSA partnership Scoring scheme explanation



- Full compliance with the 2007 LACORS/FSA 'statement of intent' partnership document
- Very good partnership but Some minor lack of LA consultation
- Broadly good partnership but some LA engagement disappointing & not in line with a LA perspective
- Broadly poor partnership with some major disregard for the LA perspective
- No understanding or nor any sympathy for local authorities – prefer to centralise!!

LACORS activity report

Food Hygiene

Pennington related:

An investigatory approach

- Guidance update Article 5
- Training Guidance update
- Sharing HACCP related expertise

Work on procurement

LACORS activity report

Food Hygiene

Examples of some further / ongoing work:

- Updates on standard paragraphs
- Example notices
- Brokering links with other organisations
- HPA and Microbiological sampling

Food Standards

- **EC Food Information (Labelling) Regulation**
- **Mandatory nutrition information and associated analytical tolerances**
- **Approved / prohibited nutrition & health claims**
- **LACORS guidance on use by sandwiches, use by dates, kebabs etc**
- **Food Standards Sampling**

Food and Health

- Food Vision update
- Food Champions
- Healthier Food Mark
- Healthy eating awards advice

Whatever happens

EH & TS must clearly link in with, and work with others, towards delivering wider objectives:-

- National Indicators (NIs) Local Area Agreements
- Locally identified need with evidence
- LA corporate health agendas /objectives

[Note the Regulatory Services LACORS I&DeA booklet recently published –taking forward the role of council regulators]

Local authority corporate objectives



Actually making a difference
**Local Government
Food Services**

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