

**HELA Meeting 1 March 2006**

**Rogers Review**

A Paper by LACORS

**Issue**

1. HELA to note the potential threats and opportunities of the Rogers review.  
(This paper is for information and supplements item 5 on the agenda – Rogers Review and LBRO – an oral report by Nick O'Donnell from LBRO)

**Decision**

2. To note and discuss the role that HELA should take in relation to the Rogers review.

**Background**

3. Annex 1 contains the press release about the Rogers Review. Since then the 60 areas have now been narrowed down to 24 these include the health and safety priorities on:

Improving health in the workplace	To reduce the incidence of ill-health and days lost arising from work activities (in particular in relation to muscular skeletal disorders, stress and chemicals), promote compliance with the law, and reduce the cost and suffering to individuals, companies and society.
Work-related safety- preventing accidents from transport and machinery on site and within the delivery chain	To reduce the incidence of injury, and days lost arising from workplace transport on site and within the delivery chain.
Workplace safety- housekeeping, preventing slips, trips and falls	To reduce the incidence of injury, and days lost arising from slips and trip incidents in the workplace.
Product safety (subject to specific safety regulations)	Ensure products placed on the market are safe (for products with specific safety regulations e.g. fireworks, toys, furniture)

4. The review will report at Budget 2007.

## **Annex 1:**

### **Rogers Review to bring focus to local regulatory inspection and enforcement**

29 November 2006  
BRE Press Release

The Government today announced the appointment of Peter Rogers, Chief Executive of Westminster City Council, to lead an independent review of legislation enforced by local authorities to identify 5 key priorities. The review will include over 60 policy areas with the aim to produce a more joined up approach to regulatory inspection and enforcement.

Peter Rogers said:

'I have agreed to head this review because I believe it will lead to real improvements for both those who are regulated and those who rely on regulation for protection. We in Local Government are the ones who make so many of the decisions that affect people's daily lives and it is down to us to make sure that those decisions are fair, consistent and properly enforced. By working together to focus on 5 priorities local authority achievements will be better recognised, regional variations will be diminished and we can use resources more efficiently. This is good news for business, citizens and local authorities.'

Commenting on the proposal to establish the independent review, Derek Allen Executive Director of LACORS said:

'We welcome the independent review of legislation enforced by local authority regulatory services to be chaired by Peter Rogers. LACORS has been calling for a reduction in the number of national priorities that central government requires to be delivered by council's across the country. If this is achieved, it will not only enable a better focus on those policy areas considered to be of the highest importance to government, but significantly will allow councils to develop their own set of local priorities for their regulatory services, that support good businesses and provide effective protection to the communities they serve.'

The review will aim to report by Budget 2007. It will work with local authorities, central government, independent regulators and businesses.

The Terms of reference are to:

- Define the policy areas (and their enforcement mechanisms) that come under the remit of local authority regulatory services,
- Collect and collate the evidence on the relative priority of these policy areas for central government, local citizens and business, and
- Make recommendations on around five policy areas that are central government priorities for local authorities, based on their level of risk, political priority and the perceptions of citizens and business.

Cabinet Office Press Office, Press Officer: Stephen Coomber

## Notes to Editors

1. Peter Rogers is Chief Executive of Westminster City Council and a Board Member of the Housing Corporation. Before Westminster, Peter carried out several roles at West Midlands Travel Group, culminating in his position as Commercial Director. Peter is also a member of the Central London Partnership Executive, which is the focus for public private partnership in central London. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, Institute of Personnel and Development, and the judging panel for the LGC awards for local government.
2. The review will be supported by the Better Regulation Executive in the Cabinet Office. Further information is available at: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/regulation>
3. LACORS: The local authorities coordinators of regulatory services is the local government central body for overseeing and supporting improvement in local authority regulatory and related services <http://www.lacors.gov.uk>
4. The 60 policy areas under review are:

### Agriculture

- Animal welfare of pets in shops
- Animal welfare of farm livestock)
- Animal feedstuffs/ feedstuffs/fertiliser labelling and constitution
- Grading/marking agricultural produce

### Antisocial Behaviour

- Underage sales
- Removal of unauthorised campers
- Other anti-social behaviour (graffiti; local nuisance behaviour etc)

### Consumer Credit

- Protection of consumer credit (advertising/agreements)
- Tenancy (advertising/payment offences)

### Environment

- Air Quality
  - Local air pollution control
  - Air quality monitoring
  - Radiation monitoring
- Refuse
  - Packaging requirements
- Nuisance
  - Noise nuisances; prevention and control
  - Statutory nuisance
- Local environment
  - Fly-tipping
  - Litter

## Fair Trading

- Trade description/trade marking/ mis-description
- Sunday trading Hours
- Business Names Use and Display (using prohibited Business Name)
- Publication of car fuel consumption
- Unfair contract terms & cancellation and call off periods
- Consumer Transactions Restrictions of statements (protection of statutory rights on customers)

## Food Safety

- Food Hygiene
  - Hygiene of premises selling and manufacturing food
  - Approval of manufacturing premises
  - Safety and wholesomeness of food stuffs
- Food Standards
  - Food Standards (labelling)
  - Imported Foods

## Health and safety at work

- General health and safety at work
- Chemicals
- Ergonomics
- Petroleum (storage/safety)

## Licensing

- Business Licensing (including Animal welfare/breeding/safety licensing)
- Street trading licensing
- Liquor Licensing
- Entertainment Licensing

## Prices

- Price Marking
- Misleading Prices

## Private Sector Housing Standards

- Houses in Multiple Occupancy
  - Licensing of HMOs for fire safety/ standards and management
  - Control orders
- Housing standards in single occupancy
  - Health and safety of private rented housing
  - Overcrowding
  - Area renewal areas
  - Selective licensing
  - Empty property

## Product Safety

- Product Safety (subject to specific safety regulations i.e. Fireworks)
- Product Safety (not subject to specific safety regulations)
- Vehicle safety (sale of un-roadworthy vehicles)
- Public Protection (for example receiving malicious communications)
- Overloaded vehicles
- Control over the sale of poisons

## Weights and Measures

- Weights and Measures (short measures/fraudulent use of equipment)
- Labelling of equipment