



# **THE NEW VISION**

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# OUR VISION FOR ENFORCEMENT

Within a sound regulatory framework to maximise industry compliance, which with informed and empowered consumers, will achieve improved public health and better consumer confidence.



# OBJECTIVES

- A new approach to food law enforcement.
- Increase Local Authorities flexibility to focus resources at high risk premises and to use different interventions to drive up compliance.
- Consider use of new drivers to achieve compliance e.g. scores on doors.
- Output and outcome focussed.



# SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Enforcement strategy to be further developed to support better joint working with local authorities and testing of new interventions

Increased research to support interventions

e.g.

- food awards
- scores on doors
- intervention modelling
- alternative enforcement strategies



# OTHER DRIVERS

- Hampton Agenda.
- Local Better Regulation Office.
- Retail Enforcement Pilot.
- Rogers review.
- Macrory review.



# ORGANISATION

- The CLAE project – Changes to Local Authority Enforcement. This co-ordinates the following four reviews:
  - review of enforcement policy
  - review of the monitoring system
  - review of audit arrangements
  - review of the Framework Agreement.



# CLAE

## Governance:

- the CLAE Policy Board.
- the CLAE Project Management Group, Colleagues from devolved administrations are members of both.
- Local authority and LACORS representatives on both groups.



# REVIEW OF ENFORCEMENT POLICY

- Immediate objective is to amend the Code of Practice to introduce interventions.
- Aiming for a public consultation at the beginning of June and ministerial approval of the new code by December 2007.
- Target implementation date 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008.



# REVIEW OF MONITORING SYSTEM

- Major consultation exercise completed responses from 330 Local Authorities.
- Now into technical phase.
- Target date for implementation by Local Authorities is 1 April 2008.



# REVIEW OF AUDIT

- Review of LA audit – options to be considered at March 2007 Board Meeting;
- New EC Audit Requirements.
- Local Government White Paper (new framework for LA performance monitoring).
- LA consultation and development work scheduled during 2007, with completion date of December 2007.



# REVIEW OF FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

- To be carried out later this year.
- To be organised under the Enforcement Liaison group which brings together the Agency and all external stakeholders.
- Target for completion is end of December 2007.



# KEY MILESTONES

- End December 2007: final versions of new code of practice and monitoring system agreed.
- December 2007: completion of reviews of audit and of Framework Agreement.
- January to March 2008: training for Law's.
- 1 April 2008: implementation by LAs of new enforcement policy and monitoring system.



# MONITORING CLAE

- Monitoring information including new BVPI.
- Premises survey.
- Audit.
- Feedback from local authorities.

