



Department for Business Innovation & Skills

**Better
Regulation
Delivery Office**

Welsh Regulators' Forum Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Welsh Regulators' Forum is a senior-level group of national and local regulators in Wales with a shared interest in supporting appropriate regulation of businesses in Wales whilst protecting the interests of citizens. It does this through supporting business compliance in accordance with the Regulators' Code and the National Enforcement Priorities for Wales.

The Forum provides:

- An opportunity to share information, good practice and lessons learned on approaches to regulation between members.
- Exploration of where there is both commonality and alignment between regulators' approaches, systems and processes that affect regulatory delivery at both national and local level, and where there is divergence
- A source of advice and information on development, delivery and enforcement of regulation to inform decision-making and strategic direction in Wales.
- It can commission project work and canvass citizen and business views to achieve its aims.

The BRDO/Welsh Government work plan for Wales will support these Terms of Reference.

Proposed working arrangements

The Regulators' Forum will meet up to four times a year and will be jointly chaired by the Welsh Government and the Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO). BRDO will also provide secretarial support to the Forum. In between meetings, the Forum members may communicate via email correspondence.

Membership

To reflect the range of national regulators in Wales and relevant Welsh Government interests, and draw in those who can offer specific expertise and advice it is proposed that the organisations/bodies represented will include:

- Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency
- Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales
- Competition and Markets Authority
- Directors of Public Protection Wales
- Food Standards Agency in Wales

- Health and Safety Executive
- Healthcare Inspectorate Wales
- Natural Resources Wales
- Wales Fire & Rescue Services
- Wales Heads of Environmental Health
- Wales Heads of Trading Standards
- Welsh Local Government Association

Links with other Regulatory Bodies such as the Gambling Commission, and in Wales, the Welsh Language Commissioner, the Equality and Human Rights Commission, and the Sustainable Development Commission should be scoped and developed where appropriate.

Other organisations, including relevant policy leads from Welsh Government, may be invited to join the Forum where they have a relevant role and remit, or can be invited as an observer.

Membership of the Forum will be reviewed annually to check that it is representative and in order to ensure that it is of a manageable size.

Links with other groups

The Forum will monitor its relationship with any other similar network and groups, to ensure there is no duplication and establish liaison arrangements as appropriate.

The Forum will actively seek the views of businesses and consumers when occasion and the focus of the Forum requires.

The Forum may connect with other BRDO reference panels¹ to consider the same or similar agenda items thereby providing different stakeholder perspectives on the issues and/or to inform other Panels' discussions.

Review

The terms of reference for the Forum will be reviewed annually to ensure that it is fulfilling its objectives and its working arrangements are fit for purpose.

¹ These are the Regulatory Excellence Forum, the Local Authority Reference Panel, the Business Reference Panel and the Primary Authority User Group