



Office for Product
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Primary Authority update

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Local Delivery Team

*The Local Delivery team support the implementation, development and delivery of **Primary Authority (PA)** and **Better Business for All (BBfA)**, helping to simplify the delivery of regulation.*

*We promote partnership approaches at a local level utilising PA and BBfA to ensure consistent approaches and build confidence in the local system. We encourage compliance with the **Regulators Code**.*

*Whether at a local or national level, the **team facilitates conversations and collaboration** between local authorities, national regulators, business and policy leads to resolve problems and find ways to regulate business that provides confidence and consistency to business maximising protection to citizens, employees and the environment.*

*Through extensive **engagement** with local authorities and industry the team continues to encourage the cultural shift in regulators and business and promote the concept that regulation, when delivered effectively, is central to **economic prosperity and maximising protections**.*

Primary Authority during the pandemic

OPSS role in
business restrictions

Feeding into policy
leads

Application and
interpretation of
emergency
legislation

Need for consistency
in enforcement

PA sector panels
created

Primary Authority
partnerships are a
trusted means of
support to business

PA register being
utilised to
communicate with
regulatory
colleagues

Connecting BEIS
Sector Teams to
relevant businesses
in PA

Primary Authority going forward

PA being discussed across government departments and further highlighted its value, need to maintain this understanding of PA

Links with relevant policy holders for PA's to feed into policy development

Focus groups developed at pace to support policy and guidance in sectors

Increased demand for PA in all areas of regulation

Development of PA Sector Expert Panels

May 2020 -themes and sectors identified through business closures work

- Leisure
- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Licensed premises
- Car sales
- Caravans and holiday parks
- Non -food retail
- Warehousing and distribution
- Housing and Care
- Construction products/building supplies/home improvements
- Primary Authority Business Group

Combined to Hospitality Panel



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PA support to business

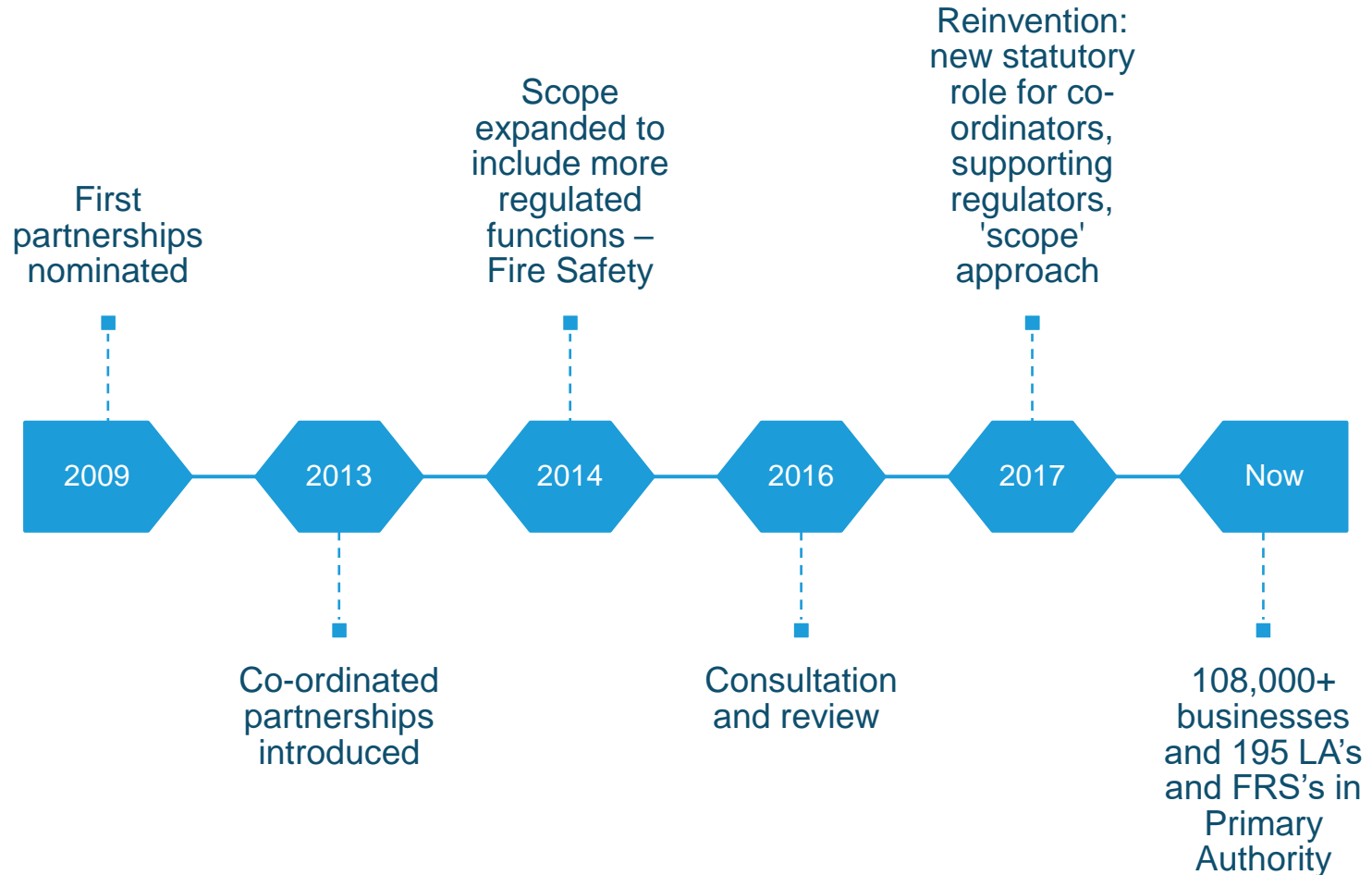
- Slough BC and Furniture Village

Thank you for your great advice and support, it's what proper partnerships are made of!

- Eastleigh Borough Council and Places Leisure

“Our partnership has worked together effectively to produce a comprehensive and timely approach to managing the risks associated with coronavirus.”

Growth of Primary Authority



Primary Authority – Fire Safety

FIRE
STANDARDS
BOARD

The Fire Standards Board has been set up to oversee the identification, organisation, development and maintenance of professional Standards for fire and rescue services in England.

Protection Fire Standard issued on 3rd September 2021 includes Primary Authority

A Fire and Rescue Service must.... plan and deliver effective and robust protection activities to mitigate and reduce the risks identified through its community risk management planning in compliance with the **Regulator's Code** and the principles of **Better Regulation**;

including:

- actively promoting and supporting **Primary Authority Partnership schemes** in compliance with relevant Primary Authority legislation,
- collaborate with fire and rescue services and other partners to deliver protection and enforcement activities in the most efficient and effective way possible;

Lessons learnt



PA AND TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LA
REGULATORS AND BUSINESSES WERE
VALUABLE IN COVID RESPONSE



BRING TOGETHER PROFESSIONALS IN
REGULATION TO WORK TOGETHER, SHARE
EXPERIENCE, GOOD PRACTICE AND SUPPORT
ONE ANOTHER



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Thank you

Any questions?

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