



# Supporting Businesses Primary Authority Partnership



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# Cost to Business

- Each year people die or are seriously injured as a result of fires at work
- Affects of fire costs UK businesses millions of pounds
- Damage to property, loss of business, fines, compensation claims and insurance premiums
- 70% of businesses that suffer a serious do not re open.





# Simplify the Way Regulation is Delivered

- Legal requirements can be confusing
- Application of regulations can be a barrier to business in compliance
- Recovery from impact of non compliance, enforcement actions and reputational damage is difficult for business

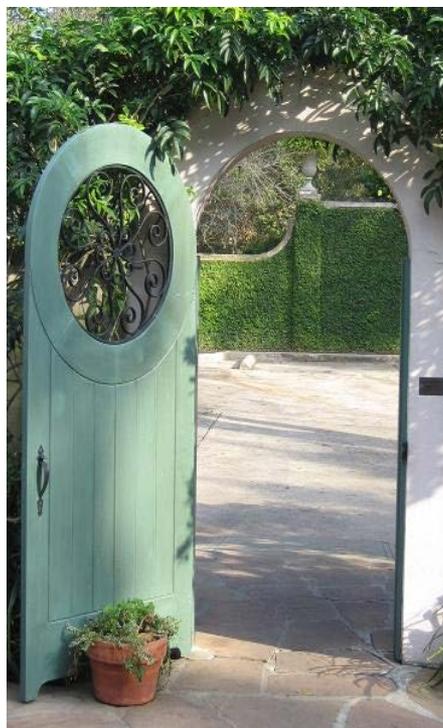


# Simplify the Way Regulation is Delivered

- Business perception of regulators is improving
- Vast majority of businesses want to comply with their legislative requirements and see good regulation as good business
- Regulators have a duty to protect the public through enforcement of legislation they hold responsibility for



# Primary Authority Partnership



- The gateway to simpler, fairer and more successful local regulation
- Based on developing open relationships between local authorities and businesses





# What is a Primary Authority Partnership?

- Launched in 2009
- A scheme defining a legally recognised partnership between a business or a co-ordinator and a single local authority – the ‘primary authority’
- Government backed with over 85,000 businesses already taking part
- Over 190 Local Authorities operating Primary Authority partnerships





# Primary Authority Partnership

- Direct partnership
- Co ordinated partnership



# Benefits of Primary Authority Partnership

- Improve and simplify communication between businesses and regulators
- Seek advice from the experts responsible for enforcement of the regulations
- ESFRS aims to support business proactively in compliance rather than intervene following an incident
- We share the same aims of public safety and economic growth in our communities



# How does Primary Authority Partnership Work?

- Single point of contact throughout England and Wales
- Minimum start up of 20 hours
- Cost recovery basis
- £78 an hour (April 2020)
- Set objectives the business



# Partnerships in East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

- Member approval on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018
- Partnerships link to Community Safety, risk reduction to vulnerable people and firefighters
- linked to corporate and social strategy
- Active member of the wider Business Advice and Support Partnership (BAASP)

<https://www.esfrs.org/business-safety/primary-authority-scheme/>



# Partnership Success

- Safe storage of explosives and cylinders at waste sites
- 10 year fire extinguishers – cost savings
- Emergency evacuation in care premises
- Format of fire risk assessments templates
- Staff awareness presentations
- Covid 19 advice and support
- Materials on means of escape in care premises



# Current Partnerships

- Veolia ES South Downs Limited
- C Brewer and Sons Limited
- Abbeyfield Ferring
- Eastbourne Hospitality Association
- Southdowns Residential
- Giggling Squid restaurants
- The Independent Schools Bursars



# Current Partnerships

- Sussex Housing and Care
- Craft Bakers Association
- Saxon Weald
- Ambient Support Limited
- British Metal Recycling Association
- SureFoot Solutions Limited
- University of Brighton





# **Social Landlords Fire Safety Event**

**Break – 10 minutes**

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## Questions