

SECURING SUCCESS IN SMALLER TOWNS

THE RETAIL PROPERTY WORLD AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR: A JOINED-UP APPROACH

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2008, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN HALL, WARWICKSHIRE

BCSC & Warwickshire County Council are hosting a regional seminar in Stratford-upon-Avon on Friday 3 October. The seminar will focus on the key issues facing local governments in promoting regeneration in smaller towns.

Conference Chair: Dr Brian Raggett, Partner, Strutt & Parker LLP

SEMINAR PROGRAMME:

9.00 - 9.30	Registration Tea & Coffee	12.15 - 12.30	Questions
9.30 - 9.35	Welcome <i>Councillor Les Topham, Leader of Stratford District Council</i>	12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
9.35 - 9.45	Opening of Conference <i>Councillor Chris Saint, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development WCC</i>		Partnership Perspectives
9.45 - 10.00	Introduction to BCSC <i>Michael Green, Chief Executive, BCSC</i>	13.30 - 14.15	Business Improvement Districts - A Strategic Approach A session to show how local authorities and BIDs can add value to each other. Examples of BIDs from the Warwickshire Programme <i>Sue Ashley, Warwickshire BIDs Manager</i> <i>Robin Richter, MD Rugby BIDs Company</i> <i>Helen Smith, BID Leamington Ltd, Executive Director</i> <i>Gerry McManus, The Royal Priors Shopping Centre (managed by Jones Lang LaSalle) Hams Hall Business Park, BID Chair</i>
10.00 - 10.30	Future of Retail Property - Implications for Smaller Centres <i>Tessa O'Neil, BDP</i>		Making a Difference in the Long Term
10.30 - 11.00	Masterplans & Area Action Plans - Devising Realistic & Deliverable Strategies for Smaller Centres <i>Antony Rifkin, Urban Practitioners</i>	14.15 - 14.45	The Retailers' View <i>Jeremy Collins, Head of Property, John Lewis Partnership, and the Head of Personnel, John Lewis Partnership, Solihull - Skills, Training & Education</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Tea & Coffee	14.45 - 15.15	The Developers' View - Changing the Perception of a Centre <i>Luke Pickering, Simons Developments, The Witney Experience</i>
11.30 - 12.15	Town Centres Regeneration - The Warwickshire Approach A County Perspective - An overview of regeneration in Warwickshire, joined up thinking and cross authority working <i>Paul Galland, Strategic Director, Environment & Economy, WCC</i> District & Borough Councils Perspectives - Panel Session of Chief Executive Officers highlighting major regeneration projects in their towns and how it works in two tier local authority structure <i>Christine Kerr, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council</i> <i>Chris Elliot, Warwick District Council</i> <i>Simon Warren, Rugby Borough Council</i> <i>Paul Lankester, Stratford District Council</i> <i>Ann McLaughlan, North Warwickshire Borough Council</i>	15.15 - 15.45	World Class Stratford Session demonstrating how the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and history in the making forms part of the major regeneration of an international tourist town. <i>Presentation by David Pywell, World Class Stratford Project Director and a representative from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre</i>
		15.45 - 16.00	Questions & Summary <i>Dr Brian Raggett, Partner, Strutt & Parker LLP</i>
		16.00 - 17.00	Tea & Coffee Optional Walking Tour(s) of Stratford-upon-Avon Town Centre
		17.00	Close



The seminar is free of charge to attend and all refreshments are provided throughout the day. To book, please use the online booking form at www.bcsc.org.uk/events. If you have any queries please contact Scarlett Hancock, BCSC Events on 020 7227 3462, or scarlett.hancock@bcsc.org.uk

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