



THINK LOCAL – 5 NOVEMBER 2015

AGENDA

- 9.15 **Registration**
- 9.45 **Welcome** **Councillor Martin Veal**
- 9.55 **B&NES procurement updates** **Richard Howroyd (B&NES)**
What are the changes which B&NES are making internally which should help SMEs in the procurement process, particularly below the all-important EU threshold.
- EU Procurement changes** **Stewart James (Ashfords – Solicitors)**
There have been recent major changes to the EU Procurement directive and consequent UK procurement regulations; all major changes will be highlighted.
- Incorporating Social Value** **Simon Cohen (CEG)**
Social value is becoming an increasingly important consideration since the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 was implemented; this presentation will give you a better understanding of what it is and how it can be incorporated into contracts.
- 11.25 **Break**
- 11.50 **Bath and Fairtrade** **Jenny Foster (SW Fairtrade Co-ordinator)**
Fairtrade Business Awards update
Bath was re-accredited with its Fairtrade City status earlier this year – something we are very proud of. The South West Fairtrade Business Awards will also be launched at this event and something we hope you will get involved with.
- B&NES’ Market Engagement** **Christine Storry (B&NES)**
B&NES has been increasing its involvement with the local supply market at the pre-procurement stage. Using an example we will outline our approach.
- Case study for SME growth** **Andrew Watmuff (Watmuff and Beckett)**
During our market engagement for the upcoming schools food contract we came into contact with Watmuff and Beckett and were impressed by their approach to growth and expansion whilst sticking to their ethical approach.
- Freedom of Information requests** **Richard Howroyd (B&NES)**
As a local authority we receive a plethora of FOI requests, some of which you wouldn’t believe! We aim to give an insight into how we have to handle and respond to these requests.
- 13.25 **Lunch**

(timings subject to change)