

About 'AWICS'.....

'AWICS' is uniquely well placed to deliver this seminar as a leading management consultancy offering advice to those who provide public services across England, Scotland and the world.

Our main speaker will be **Adrian Waite, Director of AWICS**. Adrian has 22 years experience working within local government, which includes his work as a management consultant for more than thirty local authorities and other public bodies, nation wide.

This seminar will explore

- ◆ What exactly is the government proposing?
- ◆ What are the existing regional structures, what do they do and how are they controlled?
- ◆ Is this devolution or centralisation?
- ◆ Is there public demand for regional government?
- ◆ Will regional assemblies just be talking shops?
- ◆ What will be the difference between a Regional Assembly, the Scottish and Welsh parliaments and the Greater London Assembly?
- ◆ Will different arrangements in different parts of the country be undemocratic and confusing?
- ◆ How will regional assemblies be funded? Will it mean more tax?
- ◆ What is the role of the European Union?
- ◆ Will this create more bureaucracy?
- ◆ What will happen to the local authorities?
- ◆ What will be the effect on economic development, transport, housing, planning and other services?
- ◆ Will regional assemblies be given more powers in time?

WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT REGIONAL GOVERNMENT?

The Bill offers, for the first time in our history, opportunities to the English regions similar to those offered to Scotland, Wales and London... The Bill is at the heart of our programme to modernise our constitution, to decentralise power and to deliver better public services. It is a crucial step towards establishing a democratic voice for the English regions – a voice that has been denied them for far too long – Rt Hon John Prescott MP

We reject regional assemblies not because we oppose devolution, but because we support it. We reject them not because we oppose economic development but because we support it. We reject this bill not because we oppose democracy, but because we support it. – David Davies MP (Conservative spokesman)

The CBI is deeply sceptical of the proposals in this White Paper... Progress is needed on regional policy, but these proposals are unlikely to achieve it.

Where a single tier of local government is to be established, will this be based on existing counties, districts or groups of districts?

The Bill heralds the possibility of radical constitutional change in England. It is up to the people in the regions now to choose if they want power devolved from Whitehall and Westminster to people elected in the regions themselves – George Morran (Chair of the Campaign for the English Regions)

How will the government reach a judgement as to whether interest in a region is sufficient?

They are giving away far too few powers and dismantling far too few Quangos... If they intend to trust the people, they should not trust them a little; they should trust them fully – Edward Davey MP – Liberal Democrat spokesman

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REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

The Government will soon complete its consultation as to whether to hold ballots in the North West and North East. Yorkshire & Humber may follow!

WHAT WILL IT MEAN?

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN PROVIDING PUBLIC SERVICES OR HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING THE FUTURE GOVERNANCE OF OUR REGIONS? THEN THIS SEMINAR IS FOR YOU!

AT A VENUE NEAR YOU:

29TH APRIL 2003 - YORKSHIRE

12TH MAY 2003 - NORTH EAST

3RD JUNE 2003 - NORTH WEST

DATES AND VENUES

TUESDAY, 29TH APRIL 2003

THE ACCESS CENTRE, WAKEFIELD, WEST YORKSHIRE.

Situated one mile north of Wakefield City centre and Wakefield Westgate railway station and only three short miles from the M62 (J30)

MONDAY, 12TH MAY 2003

COLLINGWOOD COLLEGE, DURHAM.

Located 2 miles from the A1(M), five minutes from Durham City centre and railway station

TUESDAY , 3RD JUNE 2003

THE GLADMAR COUNTRY HOTEL – CHORLEY, LANCS.

Situated in the Heart of Lancashire, The Gladmar Country Hotel is minutes away from the M6 (J27) and M61 (J6) Opposite the Adlington railway station that is on the main Manchester to Preston line

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9.30 REGISTRATION & WELCOME

10.00 INTRODUCTION

An overview of the government's white paper, the Queen's speech, the Regional Government Bill, its progress through parliament, public consultation and their consequences.

11.00 MORNING REFRESHMENTS

11:15 THE DETAIL

How will regional government work?
What will be the regional structures, functions and funding?
What has it to do with Europe?
What effect might it have in different regions?

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 THE IMPACT

What will be the impact on local government and local government services – including the parishes!
What will be the impact on public services outside local government?

14:30 AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS

14:45 THE CONCLUSIONS

Will regional government happen?
What options are there?
How will regional authorities develop in future?

16:00 CLOSE

HOW TO BOOK

Please complete the form below and send it to:
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DELEGATE FEES

The cost of this seminar is £60 plus VAT.
Invoices will be raised after the seminar.

The fee includes refreshments, buffet lunch and seminar documentation.

DELEGATE DETAILS

Delegate name	Venue / Date	Fee Payable
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