

# THE BRIEFING

For members of the Public Sector Management Network  
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## Public Sector Management Network

Dear Networkers,

As promised in the March edition of The Briefing we now have news on two key projects.

Top Team 2006 will take place in central London on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006. For details on how to enter this exciting competition you can access the attached electronic leaflet. Our last event attracted over 60 submissions and we are seeking to beat that record with Top team 2006.

We would like to thank the key partners for this event who are Harvey Nash, Deloitte, Improvement & Development Agency and SOLACE. This year our official media partner is The Times Public Agenda who will be providing input to the project and key publicity for the event.

Our key strategic partner Harvey Nash is currently working on the new Public Services Management Network website.

We hope to launch the new site at the start of June 2006. Once the site is launched we would welcome your comments.



**Noorzaman Rashid**  
Chair of the Management Network

## SOLACE Senior Management Conference 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006

This fifth SOLACE conference for senior managers provides an opportunity for delegates to hear from and question a range of top speakers, as well as choose from a selection of interactive workshops. In addition, the programme provides time for delegates to network with the speakers and other delegates..

Here are some comments from delegates who attended previous events:

- "I really enjoyed the event - very informative & time well spent"
- "A very good, thought-provoking and promotional of networking conference"
- "My first conference, very enjoyable - will definitely come again"
- "Thank you, well organised and useful networking too"
- "valuable day providing a good opportunity to hear a range of personal and openly shared perspectives from Chief Executives"
- "Very interesting first conference for me"
- "Good networking opportunities"
- "An excellent reflective & thinking day, do it again!"
- "Very thought provoking"
- "An excellent conference – I learned a lot"

### Venue

The conference will be held at the Thistle Hotel, Bryanston Street, Marble Arch, London W1A 4UR. Telephone 020 7629 8040.

## Conference Programme

0930 **Registration**

1000 **Welcome**

David Clark, Director General, SOLACE

1005 **21st Century Chief Executives**

Moira Gibb, Chief Executive, Camden Council

Caroline Tapster, Chief Executive, Hertfordshire County Council

Chair: David Clark

1100 *Networking & Coffee*

1130 **Workshops**

### **B: Back Office Shared Services – Exploring the Myths and Realities for Local Authorities**

Caroline Stanger, Director of Business Support & Development, Cambridgeshire County Council

Caroline Robertson, Oracle

Diana Gerald, RSE Consulting

### **C: International Development**

Byron Davies, Chief Executive, Cardiff County Council

Simon Baker, Chief Executive, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

### **D: Becoming a Chief Executive**

Joyce Redfearn, Chief Executive, Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council



### **E: Neighbourhood Renewal**

Geoff Mulgan, The Young Foundation

### **F: The Lyons Inquiry**

Ben Day, The Lyons Inquiry Team

1300 *Networking & Lunch*

## **The Future of Local**

1400 **Governance** NabarroNathanson

sponsored by

Sir David Henshaw

1500 *Networking & Tea*

1530 **Keynote Address**

Phil Woolas MP, Minister for Local Government

Chair: David Clark

1600 **Close**

David Clark

Enquiries regarding the event should be addressed as follows:

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You can also access the Networks website at

[www.psmn.org.uk](http://www.psmn.org.uk)

## **POLICY NET**

### **Innovating for Organisational Change**

We are pleased to launch the next in our series of Policy Nets looking at Innovating for Organisational Change.

The facilitators for this event will be Steve Loraine and Dejan Ajezenkol who have experience of managing major change programmes both in the public and private sectors.

The attached leaflet contains full information on this Policy Net and how to join. We will be looking to commence this Policy Net in the Autumn 2006.

If you require any further details then please do not hesitate to contact Warren Tonks at [warrentonks@hotmail.com](mailto:warrentonks@hotmail.com) or call 07737 732648.

## **Voluntary and Community Sector**

Over the last two to three years, the contribution of the voluntary and community sector (VCS) to the lives of individuals and communities has gained much greater recognition. Nevertheless many people still do not understand the nature or scale of what it does.

The purpose of this part of IDeA Knowledge is to help those working in local government to better understand and engage with the VCS.

### **Who this site is for?**

The resource is intended for:

- elected councillors – to help them get up to speed on the developing agenda
- newly appointed officers as induction material
- officers with new briefs covering local government and VCS liaison
- councillors and officers taking up new roles on local strategic partnership (LSP) posts
- use in other training and induction programmes

### **What does it contain?**

As well as explaining [what the VCS is](#), it also clarifies its [relationship with local government](#), and expands on three key roles that it plays: building [social capital](#), [delivering services](#) and [engaging communities](#).

The site is a learning tool and can be used for training and development. Although we have made a start in providing examples of experience from the field, and a number of researched case studies, we need more.

If therefore, you are either actively working with the VCS from the public sector point of view, or vice versa, and have examples of issues, problems, difficulties and solutions that would be useful to others, please forward them to [knowledge@idea.gov.uk](mailto:knowledge@idea.gov.uk) for consideration as additional material on IDeA Knowledge. In this way it will grow in range and value to all concerned.