



The Year Ahead

Prosperity and Protection

Securing Improvement in Local Authority
Regulatory Services

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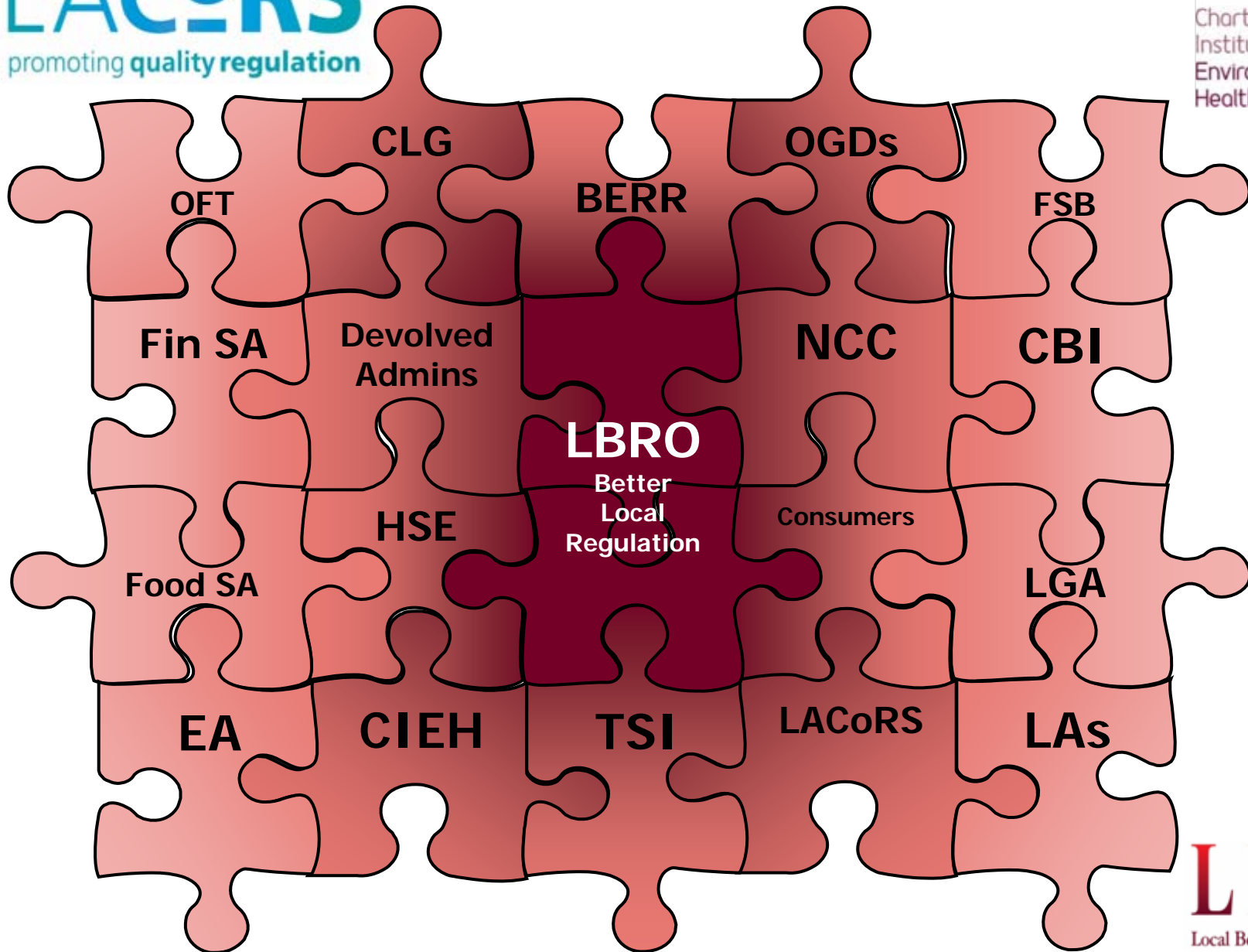
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Making Change Happen?

- driving...
- stimulating...
- encouraging...
- Influencing?

Change in what?

- Local authorities
- National regulators
- Government departments
- Business behaviours
- Consumers & citizens
- The 'system'



Our focus:

“to secure more effective performance of local authority regulatory services in accordance with the principles of better regulation”

Huge achievement, poor reward

- Critical to wellbeing
- ...but not sufficiently well regarded
- ...and poorly understood

But this is a decisive moment – the RES
Bill and creation of LBRO confirm that

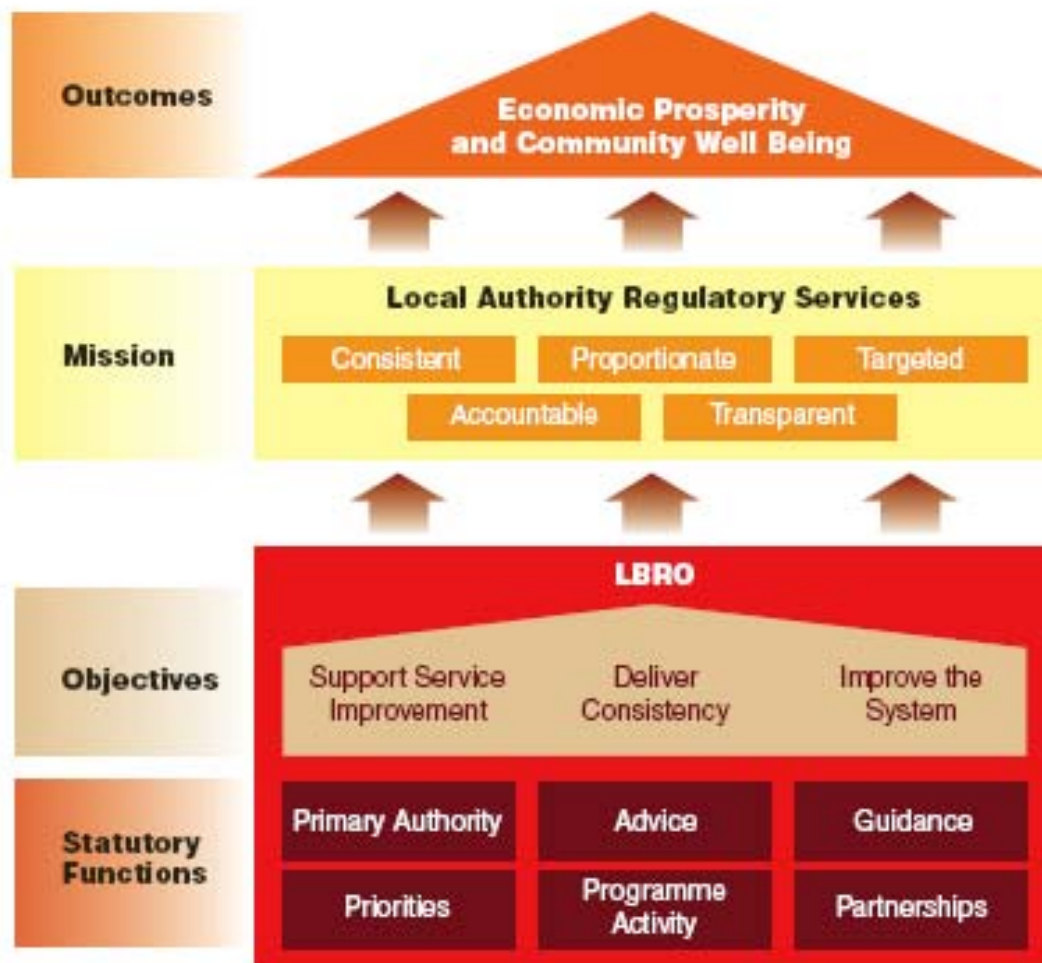
Seize the moment!

- The agenda of community well being and economic prosperity is the agenda of local authority regulatory services
- Its mainly for you to seize the moment... but we may also be able to help

LBRO

- New kid on the block
- ...in a crowded landscape
- ...but in a central role
- ..and (perhaps!) with some useful powers

Supporting change & improvement



Equation of Change

- LBRO will have **six statutory functions**
- ...to support its **three objectives**
- ...which will deliver its **one core mission**
- ...to help authorities secure **two outcomes**

Outcomes

- Supporting
 - improved economic prosperity and sustainable business growth
 - community wellbeing through protection for consumers, workers and the environment

Mission

- Ensure that regulatory activities perform effectively and are:
 - Proportionate
 - Accountable
 - Consistent
 - Transparent
 - Targeted

Whose problem, which mischief?

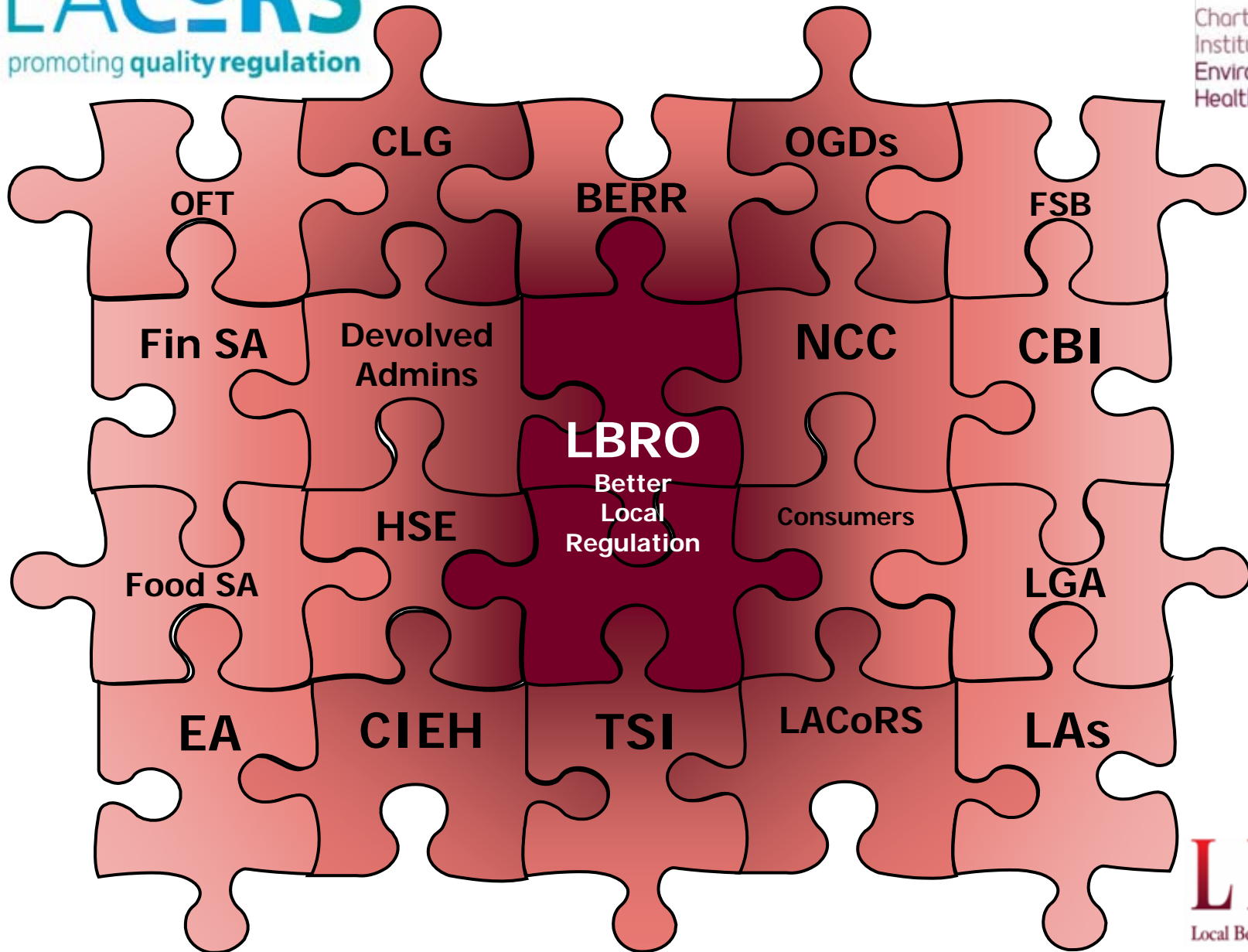
- Business – think local authorities and national regulators are the problem;
- National regulators – think business and local authorities are the problem;
- Local authorities – think national regulators and business are the problem.

Problems and objectives

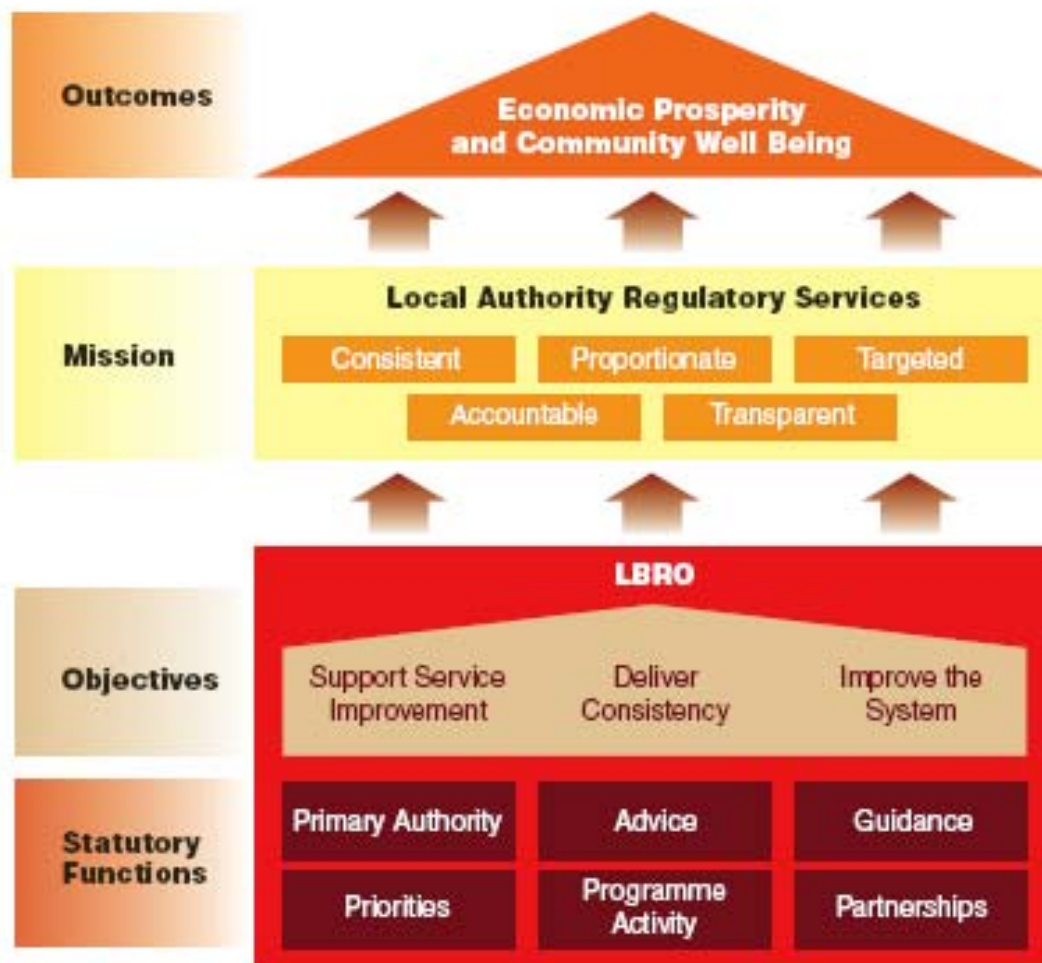
- **Support service improvement** and change in local authority regulatory services
- Directly **deliver consistency** principally through the primary authority scheme
- Act to **improve** the local regulatory services system more generally

Statutory functions

- Primary authority
- Advice to ministers
- Guidance to authorities
- Priorities national & local
- Programme activity
- Statutory and other partnerships



Supporting Change & Improvement



Regulatory Enforcement & Sanctions Bill

- Introduced in House of Lords
- Making fair progress
- Some challenges from local authorities
- ...and some from business
- Broadly expect LBRO powers 'as is'
- Part 3 and Macrory powers very interesting but more a future issue

Three Questions

- Your view of the problems facing local authority regulatory services?
- Will our three objectives secure the effective performance of these services in accordance with the better regulation principles?
- Are we planning to do enough?

Response & info

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