Dear Members,

The IRRV Thames Valley Association invites you to join them for their Enforcement Forum. Please see the agenda below and register your interest with Kath Leonard by email: Kath.Leonard@publicagroup.uk

The day will be hosted by Sarah Kingston-Gough, IRRV Thames Valley President, and the Lunch has kindly been sponsored by Excel Civil Enforcement.

**Agenda for the day:**

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| **TIME** | **DESCRIPTION** | **Speaker** |
| 10:00am | **Arrival Tea and coffee** | **All** |
| 10:20am | **IRRV Thames Valley President**  Welcome and introductions | **Sarah Kingston-Gough** |
| 10:30am | **CIVEA**  Update on the recent consulatations concerning the use of Civil Enforcement Agents | **Russell Hamblin-Boon** |
| 11:00am | **High Court Enforcement Group**  Local authority debt and the use of High Court Enforcement Officers | **Alan Smith** |
| 11:30am | **Refreshment Break (15 Mins)** | **All** |
| 11:45am | **Bristow & Sutor**  Calls for an independent regulator | **Rob Neil** |
| 12:15am | **Buffet Lunch – Sponsored by Excel Civil Enforcement** | **All** |
| 1:15pm | **IRRV Thames Valley Executive Meeting** | **All Exec Members** |
| 2:00pm | **Forum Close** | **All** |

**Speaker Biographies**

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| **Sarah Kingston - Gough** | **Sarah Kingston-Gough, Former Head of Revenues, Bracknell-Forest BC and IRRV Thames President** |
| **Russell Hamblin-Boone** | **Chief Executive Officer, CIVEA**  Russell Hamblin-Boone was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Enforcement Association in January, representing firms that employ around 2000 enforcement agents who collect civil debt on behalf of local authorities. For five years he was CEO of the Consumer Finance Association and led reform of short-term lending practices during a period of intense political and media scrutiny. He has been described as doing more than anyone else to build the intellectual case for a high-cost, short term credit market in the UK. For the second year running Russell was named in the *Credit 500*, as one of the fifty top influencers. He has also held senior positions at the Finance and Leasing Association and the Energy Retail Association, now known as Energy UK, where he helped to set up the first trade association dedicated to energy suppliers. He has worked in Downing Street for the Chief Whip and was Private Secretary to the Leader of the House of Lords. |
| **Alan J Smith MICM** | **Director of Corporate Governance, HCEO, High Court Enforcement Group**  Alan has a commitment to professional standards throughout the enforcement industry. He started his career in local government working in a number of posts in the General Rates, and Poll Tax departments of two local authorities.  He was appointed an Authorised High Court Enforcement Officer by the Lord Chancellor in 2003. Then, in 2007, he was made Chief Operations Officer and managed the field enforcement operations through a dedicated support team.  Alan joined High Court Enforcement Group in December 2012 as the Director of Corporate Governance and now sits as a Director and Vice Chair of the High Court Enforcement Officers’ Association. He has been involved in discussion with Government departments on enforcement and worked closely with the Ministry of Justice to develop the new fee scale for High Court Enforcement. In addition, he sits on the Association’s educational board and is a CICM examiner for the Association’s established qualification. |
| **Rob Neil** | **Client Development Manager, Bristow & Sutor**  Rob joined Bristow & Sutor in 2008 and has responsibility for North Eastern and Eastern clients for the company. A former bailiff, he joined the profession in 1995 and is the immediate past President of IRRV Yorkshire & District, and the current Vice President of BPA Yorkshire & Humberside.  Rob is an advocate of joint working with the advice sector and is currently progressing relationships via the the Money Advice Liaison Group. He lists his passions as his family, his dog and Liverpool Football Club, but not necessarily in that order!! |