

SPECIAL EVENT – TAUNTON, 20TH APRIL

Institute Celebrates 25 Years with Seminar on "Strong and Prosperous Communities"

As part of the Institute of Public Sector Management's 25th year celebrations, everyone involved in delivering public services in the South West was invited to get together and find out more about the government's proposals for "Strong and Prosperous Communities".

The Institute of Public Sector Management hosted the seminar on the Government's latest White Paper on Friday 20th April in Taunton. All 51 local authorities in South-West England, as well as the region's largest housing associations and other not-for-profit bodies, plus all primary care trusts, were invited to the seminar to look at ways in which all of them can work together in partnership, for the benefit of the communities they have been established to serve.

The seminar explored the implications of the impending Government bill for public sector organisations, as well as those operating in the "third sector" (voluntary and not-for-profit bodies). The presentation was led by experienced local government practitioner Simon Pomfret, backed up by his public sector consultancy, Spirals Ltd.

Institute President Derek Wolfe, who is (Chief) Executive Officer of Barry Town Council, as well as being a resident of Devon, said: "This event will give an excellent opportunity for the very organisations that will be most involved with implementing the legislation to get together and find out how they will be affected. The South West tends to be poorly served by events of this sort, so we thought it important to hold the seminar in the region. The event also marks a number of firsts for us: it is our first to mark 25 years existence; first president from the region; first we have held this far south!"