

# Freedom of Information: Ensuring an Open and Transparent Public Sector

[Etc. Venues, Prospero House, 241 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1GA](#) | Wednesday 28 June

9.45	<b>Registration &amp; Morning Refreshments</b>
10.30	<b>Chair's Introduction - <i>Cllr Ric Pallister, Leader, South Somerset District Council</i></b>
10.35	<b>Government Action and Policy Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Freedom of Information in 2017: the importance of a public 'Right to Know'</li><li>Developments since the Independent Commission</li><li>FOI in the digital age: opportunities and risks</li></ul> ⇒ <b><i>Sue Markey, Senior Policy Officer, Information Commissioner's Office</i></b> ⇒ <b><i>Tom Felle, Lecturer in Journalism, City University</i></b>
11.20	<b>Developing an Open and Legal Approach to Releasing Data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Secrecy vs privacy: managing the tensions between FOI and the Data Protection Act</li><li>Common mistakes and avoiding them</li><li>Latest case law</li></ul> ⇒ <b><i>Maurice Frankel, Director, Campaign for Freedom of Information</i></b>
12.00	<b>Refreshments and Networking Break</b>
12.20	<b>Proactive Transparency in your Organisation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Responding to requests: communicating openly and honestly with requestors</li><li>Promoting information: publishing responses and available data to the wider public</li><li>The use of FOI by the public &amp; journalists: is it changing?</li></ul> ⇒ <b><i>Ian Murray, Board Member, Society of Editors and Former Editor, Southern Daily Echo</i></b>
13.30	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
14.30	<b>Good Practice and Positive Approaches to Freedom of Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Case studies of successful strategies to meet FOI requirements and satisfy requestors</li><li>Practical measures to make publication work for you</li><li>Openness in local government: meeting the Transparency Code</li><li>What are the barriers to information transparency in your sector? How can they be tackled?</li></ul> ⇒ <b><i>Daniel Bainbridge, Borough Solicitor, Waverley Borough Council</i></b> ⇒ <b><i>Jane Moore, Solicitor, National Association of Local Councils</i></b> ⇒ <b><i>Lynn Wyeth, Head of Information Governance &amp; Risk, Leicester City Council</i></b>
16.00	<b>Event Close</b>

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