

# BS8555 EMS - Managing Legal Obligations

## The Council Challenge

- To build & maintain a register of legislation for adoption of BS8555 by selected services
- Use legislation to drive council actions leading to environmental compliance & improvement
- To offer council departments legislation sub-registers relevant to their activities & services
- To enable departments to record & track audit histories, non-compliances & rectifications
- To maintain council-wide views of liabilities, and track actions to manage those liabilities
- To sign-post departments towards information about requirements and how to be compliant

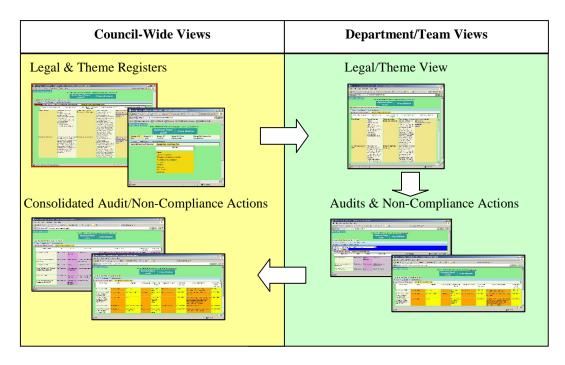
#### The Benefits

- Easily maintained, accessible, up-to-date Legislation Register
- · Promotion of departmental awareness of their legal obligations
- Clear departmental responsibility to maintain audit histories and non-compliances
- Council-wide access to overall liabilities and status of actions to manage risk
- Council-wide accountability with local ownership/responsibility for compliance management

## North Somerset Council says..

Kerry North, Sustainability Projects Officer comments "The on-line system enables services and departments to identify which requirements and legislation apply to them, to track compliance and actions, and alert responsible officers if an action needs attention or updating. We are gradually building up the number of services participating in this pilot Environmental Management System, and are trialling several approaches to implementing an EMS. The Ceradon system allows us the flexibility to build in changes within our organisation as well as changes to legislative requirements and can accommodate different levels of participation and progress with implementing and maintaining an EMS".

### Ceradon Tools in Action



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