

FREE EVENT...

The Public Sector Network – what's in it for you?



East Midlands
Improvement and
Efficiency Partnership

10am - 4pm, Tuesday 11th May 2010
Walkers stadium, Leicester, LE2 7FL

The Public Sector Network is one of the key strands of the newly published Government ICT strategy. It aims to create a secure private “internet” for the public sector. This “network of networks” will be created from the existing commercial networks, and will develop a market place providing opportunities for industry, and savings for the public sector. The benefits it aims to offer are:

- to significantly reduce costs
- to simplify and speed up the procurement of communications services
- to support an innovative marketplace for competitively priced services
- to create tools for end-to-end service assurance
- to encourage an open, collaborative environment for all UK public sector employees

Within the East Midlands connectivity and service contracts for schools networks, currently managed by the East Midlands Broadband Consortium (EMBC), are due to come to an end in 2012. This is providing an opportunity not only to review the ongoing role of the EMBC but also the wider issue of collaboration between local authorities and other public sector agencies around their connectivity needs. EMBC recently hosted a workshop, facilitated by Intellect, bringing together authorities and suppliers to review the options for the future. A number of issues were identified, which will be discussed and taken forward at today's workshop:

- The scale: should it be local, sub-regional or regional?
- The scope: should it be focused on schools, should it be local authority wide, or should it also include partners such as health and emergency services?
- The level: should it be at the level of infrastructure, networks or services?

The East Midlands Improvement & Efficiency Partnership has organised this workshop to explore the relevance of the Public Sector Network to the future procurement and management of connectivity within the region. The workshop will enable participants to:

- ✓ Understand what the Public Sector Network is and how it is being developed
- ✓ Learn from the experience of local authorities that have engaged early in the process
- ✓ Work with other local authorities in the East Midlands to determine how it could support appropriate collaboration regarding communications services regionally, sub regionally and locally.

To book your FREE place for this event contact:

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Agenda

- 10.00am **Welcome**
- 10.05am **What we have learned from the EMBC workshop**
Mike Kendall - East Midlands Broadband Consortium (EMBC)
- 10.35am **What is the Public Sector Network? - an overview of the aims and progress to date**
Geoff Hall - PSN Design Authority - Cabinet Office
- 11.05am **The implications for local authorities: The local CIO position and what local authorities in other areas have done or are planning to do**
Ian Wilcox - Hampshire County Council/Cabinet Office
- 11.35am **Tea and coffee**
- 11.50am **What's in it for you: PSN and the potential for collaboration within the East Midlands**
(discussions in facilitated groups)
- 1.00pm **Lunch**
- 2.00pm **Review of options**
- 2.30pm **Next steps** - discussions in facilitated groups
- 3:00pm **Tea and coffee**
- 3:15pm **Plenary**
- 3.50pm **Conclusions and summing up**