

Bristow & Sutor Win Greater Manchester Consortium Contract

April 2008: The Greater Manchester Consortium, made up of 9 Local Authorities, has appointed Bristow & Sutor to supply Bailiff Services. Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council took the lead role on behalf of the Consortium for the tender process. The contract will commence on 1st July 2008 for an initial period of 4 years with the option of an extension for further periods of 2/2/2 years dependant on performance.

The 9 Councils are: Bolton MBC, Bury MBC, Manchester City, Oldham MBC, Salford City, St Helens, Stockport MBC, Tameside MBC and Warrington Borough. Other Local Authorities in the North West may join the Consortium once their current arrangements expire.

Andy Rose, Bristow & Sutor's Managing Director said, "This is a significant contract win for Bristow & Sutor. The business decision to respond to the Consortium tender, and enter the market in the North West, forms part of our long term strategic and controlled growth plan. We are delighted with the result, and look forward to providing each of the Councils with increased performance, high quality service and a commitment towards achieving both Best Value and 100% e-government compliance."

The contract is primarily for the provision of bailiff services in respect of Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates, however, Councils within the Consortium may wish to include within their individual contracts provisions for other services e.g. warrants for the collection of commercial rents and warrants of arrest when required.