

Gloucestershire and Bristow & Sutor enter exclusive 5 year partnership

May 2005: Gloucestershire Local Authorities and Bristow & Sutor civil enforcement agents announce the signing of an exclusive 5 year partnership agreement to maximise best value and bailiff practice across the County.

The councils participating in the agreement are Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Forest of Dean District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council. The partnership agreement is for the collection of council tax and non-domestic rates.

"This agreement embraces our policy of working together across the county to achieve economies of scale and a consistent approach to maximise the collection of outstanding revenue." says Les Merrick the chair of the Gloucestershire Strategic Revenues Group.

The 6 Gloucestershire councils are responsible for a total net annual collectible debt of approximately £242m in respect of council tax and approximately £155m in respect of non-domestic rates.

Andy Rose, Managing Director of civil enforcement specialist Bristow & Sutor says, "We are delighted to be working in partnership with the Gloucestershire councils. We have noticed that there is a definite motivation for councils to work together on far wider scale in order to improve performance. We (Bristow & Sutor) are dedicated to fostering long term partnerships and improving performance and we firmly believe that this agreement is a testament to the positive impact that partnering can have on good collection activity. This partnership is another example of how Bristow & Sutor continues to meet the demands of our customers by bringing innovative new approaches and services to the market."

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