



The Chartered Trading Standards Institute welcomes the Local Government Association's review of trading standards, particularly in its efforts to clarify the role of trading standards in achieving local government objectives. However there are serious challenges to the ability of the service to deliver its potential on the ground due to shrinking resources and the ability of the profession to get the recognition it deserves for its vital role in economic growth, public health and safer communities. CTSI has already laid out these issues elsewhere, and we encourage the LGA review to consider the three challenges around structure, governance and funding laid out in our 'Vision for the future of trading standards'.

We are particularly interested in how the review will seek to address the challenge around governance of issues that cross borders and represent a national threat at a time when locally elected members are under increasing pressure to focus on clearly visible, local issues. Another key concern is around the

