

## IDOX group partner with INOVEM to support 'Place Shaping' agenda

*IDOX group to resell INOVEM Inclusionware™ solutions for LDF and corporate consultation*

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Effective community involvement in the shaping of local policies and services has become a priority for local government. With the signing of an INOVEM partnership agreement IDOX plc are now able to offer their 300 plus local authority clients new and innovative ways to engage with key stakeholders and local residents, particularly on local issues and planning policies.

INOVEM, a well respected supplier of web-based consultation and collaboration tools to the UK public sector, were selected following in-depth interviews with a short-list of potential partners.

Andy Riley, IDOX Sales Director, explained "With the advent of Web 2.0 and the new 'duty to involve' we felt the time was right to offer our local authority clients reasonably priced tools that make it easier for them to manage the ever-increasing amount of consultation activities that they are now expected to carry out. Our partnership with INOVEM will allow our customers, to acquire directly from IDOX, a comprehensive e-consultation system that we feel provides the best flexibility and value-for-money in the market."

Andy added "We have software solutions in over 200 planning authorities around the UK and the new planning regulations require our clients to get stakeholders involved earlier in the formation of planning policy and the identification of development sites. The combination of our expertise on spatial mapping systems and INOVEM's highly functional e-consultation system will allow us to deliver a wide-range of integrated applications to support local 'Place Shaping'. As our preferred partner for e-consultation, INOVEM are the only company we are working with to provide full integration with our back-office systems."

John Glover, INOVEM's Sales & Marketing Director commented "We are delighted to be working with Andy and his team in these very exciting times. It is clear from our discussions with IDOX that we share a common vision as to how the Internet will be used to support local government community consultation and partnership collaboration now and in the future. "

The partnership with INOVEM will be publically launched at the annual IDOX User Group meetings in Manchester later this week and in Edinburgh the following week.

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Notes to Editors:

1. **About IDOX** - IDOX group is a supplier of software solutions and information services to the public sector and the leading applications provider to local government for core functions relating to land, people and property. Over 70% of UK local authorities are customers.

IDOX group is committed to providing public-sector organisations with the tools to access and manage information & knowledge, documents & content, business processes & workflow as well as connecting directly with the citizen via the web.

2. From standalone solutions for individual functions through to integrated corporate solutions, the company's market leading IDOX, UNI-form and ACOLAID portfolio delivers improved data quality, stream-lined information-sharing, enhanced employee productivity and increased responsiveness to the public.
3. **About INOVEM** - INOVEM is the pioneer of Inclusionware™ – democratic web-native systems for collaboration, consultation and inclusion. Their solutions are used by central and local government, planning authorities, consulting firms, corporates and representative organisations around the UK and US, to empower people to work together better. Their innovative Web 2.0 technology enables people who want to involve, consult or collaborate with others to do so quickly, economically and without unnecessary barriers. (more info: [www.inovem.com](http://www.inovem.com))
4. **Place Shaping** –
  - a. The Local Government Association (LGA) has said: *“The emerging policy agenda around ‘place-shaping’ describes how local government can work with residents to develop and deliver high-quality public services that meet the needs and preferences of local people. The place-shaping role is the basis for everything that a leader of localities sets out to do.”*
  - b. The Lyons Inquiry into Local Government called place-shaping: *“The creative use of powers and influence to promote the general wellbeing of a community and its citizens”.*

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