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## Freedom of Information: From Revolution to Evolution - Emerging Best Practice

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007, The Radisson SAS, Glasgow  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007, The Marriott, Inverness

- 1.15 - 1.30pm**                      **Registration**
- 1.30 – 1.35pm**                      **Welcome & Introduction from Chair**
- 1.35 – 2.00pm**                      **FOI and the Duty of Confidentiality**
- The statutory framework
  - Evolving policy & guidance
  - Case Law Analysis including *The Scottish Minister v The Scottish Information Commissioner re William Alexander's Application*
  - Commentary and practical experiences

Tom Thomas, Partner

- 2.00 – 2.25pm**                      **FOI and Data Protection: Handling Personal Information**
- The statutory framework
  - Evolving policy & guidance
  - Case Law Analysis including *Common Services Agency v The Scottish Information Commissioner*
  - Commentary and practical experiences

Ibrar Chishti, Solicitor

- 2.25– 2.40pm**                      **Coffee Break**

- 2.40 – 3.05pm**                      **FOI: Commercial Interests v Public Interests**
- The statutory framework
  - Evolving policy & guidance
  - Analysis of decisions by the Scottish Information Commissioner
  - Commentary and practical experiences

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**3.05 – 4.30pm**

**Workshop Session: Developing Best Practice in FOI Compliance**

- This interactive workshop session will consider the development by Scottish Public Authorities of effective procedures relative to information request handling, publication scheme maintenance and records management and ways in which they can foster a general culture of FOI awareness within their organisations.

**4.30 Onwards**

Refreshments and Canapés

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