
Scoping Products Policy Requirements
Summary

MTP Advisory Committee Meeting
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Project Objectives & Methodology

Project objectives:

- To identify the linkages between the Government's SCP and product policy objectives and wider Government objectives and visions → policy risks
- To understand/ raise the level of awareness of product policy issues across Government
- To establish a network of key contacts across Government and to identify a number of collaborative projects between MTP and other Government departments

Government departments:

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| – Cabinet Office | - Treasury |
| – Ministry of Defence | - Home Office |
| – Foreign & Commonwealth Office | - Dep. for International Development |
| – Dep. of Health | - Dep. for Culture, Media and Sport |
| – Dep. for Trade & Industry | - Dep. of Works & Pensions |
| – Dep. for Education & Skills | - Office of the Deputy Prime Minister |

Two Phased Approach:

1. Desk Research of government policies and visions
2. Direct Engagement with policy and programme managers (ca. 30 interviews)

Summary of Findings & Recommendations

- Access to senior policy managers can be difficult
 - Sensitivity of long term policies and visions
 - Policy development is an ongoing process
 - Awareness of product policy and the services of MTP is mixed across Government.
 - Three cross cutting initiatives with product/ technology implications:
 - Government procurement
 - Innovation Agenda
 - E-Government
- Increase awareness of product policy objectives and MTP
- Engage with departments on an ongoing basis, esp. Cabinet Office/ Treasury/ DTI
- Ongoing surveillance of policy developments. Useful resources include:
- The Cabinet Office Better Regulation Database
 - Public Service Agreements and departmental reviews
 - Regulatory Impact Assessments

Action Plan - Overview

Cabinet Office:	Better Regulation Database
Home Office:	ID cards technology
DTI/ Cabinet Office: Strategy	Procurement (mission critical projects)
DTI:	Innovation in Procurement (environmental technologies)
DTI:	Standards Policy Committee
Dep. Of Health:	Implementation Forum
Dep. Works & Pension:	E-Government Initiative
ODPM:	Building Regulations Review
MTP Programme:	Briefing Note
	Workshops/ Regular Meeting
	Contact Management Database
	Regulatory Impact Assessment Review
	International Best Practice Workshop