TRANSPARENCY FRAMEWORK
a forward agenda and priorities for the next 6 months

I attach an internal working note on a proposed forward agenda for the Transparency Board over the next 6 months or so.

Our thinking has been developed using a number of sources, including Nigel Shadbolt's October review letter, the October 'right to data' roundtable discussion and wider internal input.

Proposed Next Steps

It would be helpful to have a steer from members of the Transparency Board on whether they would like to add further areas of work or indeed disagree with anything currently included.

Once this has been agreed, we propose that each work strand should have a confirmed lead both from within the Board and the Cabinet Office Transparency Team to ensure clear ownership of every deliverable.

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Strategy and Culture

- Further develop the Transparency strategy, including:
    - Continue to own and drive Public Data Principles;
    - Continue to own and drive creation of public's 'Right to Data';
    - Develop strategy for on-going classification of datasets;
    - Develop forward strategy for data release, moving from reactive to proactive;
    - Confirm publication strategy (e.g. what is published where);
    - Consider need to develop supporting business case (with HMT).

- Develop a clear narrative to support the Transparency strategy with links to other priority initiatives such as the Big Society and Civil Liberties
    - Lead study into the links between Transparency and Privacy;
    - Work closely with HMT on Data Review;
    - Develop case studies and examples to support the narrative;
    - Articulate what the future ecosystem will look like and what needs to change to get there (including, for example, skills development);
    - Articulate how Transparency will support future policy development (e.g. contribute to White Paper currently under development).

- Formalise our stakeholder engagement strategy to drive better engagement with key stakeholders who can both influence the further development of our strategy as well as to communicate and help to drive forward implementation of the strategy
    - Educate and challenge senior stakeholders, including Ministers and Permanent Secretaries;
    - Engage with the public and experts to drive what data should be released;
    - Extend Local Public Data Panel idea to other parts of the public sector;
    - Extend to those in the private sector who form part of the broader public service delivery chain;
    - Provide support and challenge to departmental strategies and implementation plans;
    - Provide continued oversight through the Transparency Board.

- Lead on the development of policy to support establishment of the Public Data Corporation

- Engage with EU and international colleagues, including:
    - Provide support for common international efforts on open licences;
    - Actively promote our standards and principles at the international level (e.g. Public Data Principles).

- Define 'success' and develop a strategy for measuring it (including key metrics)

Creating the Transparency Ecosystem

<u>Legislation and policy guidelines</u>

- Continue to steer implementation of proposed improvements to Freedom of Information Act via the Freedom Bill

- Develop clear processes and guidelines and support public bodies in implementing them to deliver the public's 'Right to Data'

- Develop clear processes and guidelines to support the Public Data Corporation

- Continue to support adoption of the Open Government Licence across the public sector

<u>data.gov.uk</u>

- Develop and implement a programme of work to increase the usability and utility of data.gov.uk

- Continue to engage with developers and 'information entrepreneurs' to ensure applications and value flow from the data released

- Continue to support and develop methods, standards and tools to assist those who publish or use our data (ensuring consistency with developing international standards)

- Continue to develop the linked data approach to support navigation, integration and exploitation of data (ensuring consistency with the W3C open data standards)

<u>Data publication</u>

- Continue to deliver outstanding commitments on data publication

- Develop sustainable processes and standards for future data release, including standards and methods of improving the quality of data

- Develop inventory of data available to support public 'Right to Data'

- Continue to develop sustainable and persistent URI schemes for Government data (web addresses for data items)

- Work with the National Archives to ensure a duty of care for datasets that are at risk of being lost over time