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1. BACKGROUND

At the UK Location Council meeting on the 18th September 2009 a Communications subgroup of the council was formed to provide advice to the UK Location Programme on communication issues and to accelerate the strategic decision making process. The UKLC Communications Group held their inaugural meeting on the 21st October 2009 when their charter was discussed. These terms of reference were derived from these discussions.

2. PURPOSE & SCOPE

This advisory group will monitor the communication programme element of the UK Location Programme and provide strategic direction. The group will report directly to the UKLC.

3. KEY OBJECTIVES

- To provide strategic direction to the UKLP Communications Programme (this will be informed by the Engagement Strategy component of the UKLII Roadmap document);
- To provide a bi-directional conduit between the wider UKLP and the UKLC on matters relating to communications. This will include monitoring, informing and reviewing; and
- To provide tactical feedback to the UKLP Communications Plan and/or to make suggestions for other tactical deliverables. This will still focus on the need rather than the means of execution.

4. MODUS OPERANDI

The representatives from the UKLC on the Communications Group would have some decision making authority on behalf of the UKLC and would escalate to the UKLC for any matters which exceeds their authority. As it is difficult for this authority level to be clearly defined, this may need to be an iterative learning process for all.

The group would provide advice and guidance on stakeholder identification and engagement and to help direct the communications needed for these various stakeholders.

The charter would not extend to the group taking on the delivery and execution of the communications programme; this rests with the UKLP.

5. MEMBERSHIP

Membership will be limited to three representatives from the UKLP and three representatives from the UKLP. The present membership is:

Member	Substitute	Organisation
Miranda Kavanagh	Rachel Gilmour	Environment Agency
Gesche Schmidt	-	LGA
Chris Holcroft	-	AGI
Stefan Carlyle	-	UKLP Programme Director
Andy Bray	-	UKLP Communications Manager
Robin McLaren	-	UKLP QA

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6. MEETING FREQUENCY

The group will aim to meet monthly initially with a review on frequency to be made once a quarter. In order to avoid the problems of short term calendar scheduling, a monthly schedule will be set up in advance around a consistent predictable time slot

Participation in the meeting in person is preferred. However, dial in can be used as an option.

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