

Nominet Governance Consultation : First Consultation.

1. Board Composition

I agree with Mark Dawson that the Chairman ought to be from any of the non executive directors and not limited to appointed non-executive directors.

2. Executive Directors

I agree with the proposals.

3. Elected Non-Executive Directors

I agree with the proposals.

4. Appointed Non-Executive Directors

I agree with the proposals.

5. Other proposals

I agree with the proposals.

6. Policy

I strongly agree with enshrining the company's practice of consulting relevant stakeholders on policy issues. As stated in another response further details on how this would be achieved would be desirable.

7. Fees

I agree with the principle of a board of a company setting the pricing of its service however Nominet is not a 'normal' company as it does not have a true competitor in the provision of .uk . Other services (enum etc) may have direct competitors however at the time of this consultation Nominet is solely the register maintainer for .uk and I am responding as such.

Due to registration periods currently standing at two years (with proposals for longer periods being discussed) the need for 'swift' pricing changes is in my view negligible.

I am concerned that opening direct control to the board may result in tiered pricing or member specific discounts – such changes could destroy other members business activities.

I do not support the proposed changes to fees as currently things are not truly broken and therefore do not require a fix. I would however support such proposals if pricing was explicitly stated that any changes in pricing would be the same for all members.

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