

This document contains respondents between 26 and 26 inclusive.

1. Do you support the idea of placing relevant stakeholders at the heart of the policy advisory process?

- Yes
 No

2. Do you support the PAB's proposal for the creation of issues groups to develop policy recommendations in response to stakeholder proposals?

- Yes
 No

3. Do you agree with the PAB's outline for issues groups (open membership, stakeholder led, time-limited, with a requirement to prepare an impact assessment, and working by consensus)?

- Yes
 No

Do you have any comments on the way that issues groups might work?

Group elects a chair and probably a management committee. The latter agree a work programme. Agendas and minutes are handled by the secretariat. Groups should be able to ask speakers, even if there are no direct issues with the subject

4. What mechanism should there be for selecting members of issues groups?

In particular, how might we ensure effective participation from Nominet members to bring necessary expertise into the discussions?

Open membership but with an obligation on the secretariat to ensure a balance of stakeholders.
Section on website to encourage all to volunteer. Report backs from the group made at the AGM

5. Do you agree that "permanent" groups might be needed in certain cases?

- Yes
 No

What issues might benefit from this approach?

Broader long term issues. I suspect most of them will be Nominet looking outwards (ie Internet Governance issues vs registrar concerns)

6. Do you agree that "closed groups" (i.e. groups with invited membership) should be set up when this is necessary?

- Yes
 No

What issues might benefit from this approach?

Very limited number, possibly where commercially confidential matters are being discussed

7. Do you agree that a standing committee is necessary to provide some form of independent assessment of, and support for, the issues groups?

Yes

No

8. Do you agree that the tasks identified by the PAB for the standing committee are appropriate?

Yes

No

9. Do you agree with the range of stakeholders identified by the PAB for the membership of the standing committee?

Yes

No

How should members of the standing committee be identified?

In particular, how should Nominet member participation of the standing committee be chosen, bearing in mind the importance of ensuring balance representation?

Some of the chairmen of the groups should be on the standing committee. The latter should probably be chaired by a senior Nominet staff member

10. Do you support the proposal for an enhanced secretariat taking an active role in the standing committee of stakeholders and for engaging with external stakeholders?

Yes

No

11. Do you have any further comments on the proposed new policy advisory process?

I have volunteered that Intellect would host a member of the enhanced secretariat for a week (or less) to see how we undertake similar tasks. Not trying to say the processes have to be the same as Intellect's

12. Please give us your contact details

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