

OFE UK PSG
19th Meeting
Thursday, 29th March 2012, 1400 - 1600
Cabinet Office, Boardroom 125/126 at 22 Whitehall

Draft Minutes

PRESENT:	Sam Roddick (SR)	Deloitte	Co-chairman
	Liam Maxwell (LM)	Cabinet Office	Co-chairman
	Robin Pape (RP)	Home Office	
	Linda Humphries (LH)	Cabinet Office	
	Graham Taylor (GMT)	OFE	
	Chris Francis (CF)	IBM	
	Jeff Nott (JN)	Alfresco	
	Phil Scott-Lewis (PS-L)	Redhat	
	Roger Marshal	Socitm	
	Alasdair Mangham (AM)	LB Camden	
	Stuart Mackintosh (SM)	OpusVL	
	Alan Bell (AB)	OFE	
	Basil Cousins (WBC)	OFE	

APOLOGIES	Tariq Rashid (TR)	Home Office
	Paul Vagg (PV)	Home Office
	Sarah Hardy	GPS
	Toby Ellenor	GPS
	Gavin Beckett	Bristol CC
	Amanda Brock	Canonical
	Simon Godfrey	Oracle
	Stephen Fellowes	Photonlogic
	Tony Cornfold	LSE
	Maha Shaikh	Warwick Business School
	Jim Graham	Bramble

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
SR welcomed and introduced all present.
- 2) Co- Chairman
Liam Maxwell was confirmed as Co-chairman.
- 3) Minutes of 18th Meeting held on 3rd February
Not yet agreed. WBC awaiting meeting with TR to finalise.

PART 1

- 4) Review of PSG Terms of Reference and Membership
Agreed in principle. LH felt that the membership should include key government departments, leading on delivery of open standards actions, who could be included on the mailing list or attend selected meetings. RM pointed out that public sector organisations were omitted from the draft. LH requested a clear statement be made regarding eligibility for a place on the PSG with details on how to apply. WBC to update to reflect suggestions.
- 5) Progress identified key issues:
 1. 'Open Standards – Open Opportunities' consultation.

LM/LH expressed disappointment at the low level of response to the consultation so far. They urged all stakeholders to respond effectively and quickly.

LM stressed that this consultation represented a great opportunity in the UK for an appropriate definition of Open Standards to be agreed.

GMT responded that OFE was developing an effective response. OFE will publish next week a 'preliminary' OFE response to the consultation. An OFE Comment and Press Release would be issued in parallel basically as a call to action by the community. The Comment will point both to a document with our preliminary response and the Cabinet Office online consultation site. It was planned to follow this up by the end of April with a more detailed and consolidated formal input.

Key to success will be getting the attention and support of the community including the ecosystems of the principle Open Source vendors. Other routes which have already been initiated include:

- Technical press and blogs
- Members and partners asking them to circulate all their partners
- FSFE and FFII
- OSC and BCS
- OSS projects
- Key Individuals

Care will be taken to present succinct outline responses and guidance for use by SMEs and individual supporters.

The aim is to get as many constructive responses as possible via the Cabinet Office consultation website.

LH announced three roundtables and urged PSG members to apply – limited number of places:

- 1: Competition and European Interaction, 4 April, London;
- 2: Patents and Licensing, 18 April, London;
- 3: Levelling the Playing Field, 19 April, Bristol

CF sudden upswing in ETSI interest. 30 were due to meet on 3rd April to discuss a project to define FRAND and to argue that it is non discriminatory. BSA were also working on this.

It was noted that the input of BIS (Department of Business Information and Skills) to this whole process had been poor so far.

GT raised concern on the proposals being submitted in the European Parliament by a number of countries, notably the UK, in respect of the proposed review of ICT standardisation. The proposals in article 18-03 would appear to conflict with the support for UK Government for fora/consortia in that member states would reserve a vote on approval of standards to be ratified. GMT pointed out this would at best delay the use of such standards and at worst make a mockery of the whole globalisation approach to ICT standards. LM and LH agreed to discuss with their colleagues in BIS.

2. ICT Commercial Principles

RP noted that TR was working in a strawman draft which would aim to enable an IPR to be defined which would enable re-use. This area had synergy with Open Data. TR would circulate a draft by the end of April.

3. Report on Systems Integrator Forum (SIF)

RP reported that the 2nd SIF meeting had just taken place at which the Software Assessment Criteria document was reviewed. Once agreed, the document would be taken as the official guideline whether or not the SI's had formally signed up to it. RP noted that it was intended to tackle bad practices.

It was agreed that OFE should meet with RP/PV/TR to consolidate the SIF Roadmap, clarifying which were the responsibilities of individual departments. SM would contribute to this exercise.

4. RP agreed to enable AB in touch to mount the Forum as soon as possible. It was noted that this initiative had already taken over 18 months to get to this point despite the early enthusiasm and wide support. LM asked for details of this site.

6) Next steps – calls for action:

1. Call to action to generate broad non-public sector response to the Open Standards – Open Opportunities' consultation ALL
2. Consolidate up to date SIF Roadmap and clarify departmental responsibilities – RP/PV/TR - WBC/SM
3. Revise terms of reference to include broader UK Government departmental participation – RP/GMT/WBC
4. Finalise and issue Software Criteria - RP/PV/TR
5. Complete and circulate strawman ICT Commercial Principles - RP/PV/TR
6. Improve BIS engagement with SIF and related activities - LM

PART 2

7) Presentations:

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| 1. Case Study: eTHOS Authentication
Carried forward. | Stephen Fellowes |
| 2. A Local Government View
Carried forward | Alastair Mangham.
LB Camden |

8) Civil Service Live Proposal

Basil Cousins

WBC outlined an initial proposal from DoDs being discussed with Alfresco, IBM and Redhat to take an stand and a plenary session at the Civil Service Live from 3rd - 5th July in Olympia with an outline total budget of £40,000. Considerable doubt was expressed about such a proposal. It was suggested that the funds could be used more effectively. LM underlined the critical importance of UK Government case studies. RP/WBC to put together a target list of such case studies, including HMRC, as soon as possible.

9) 20th Meeting –

LH will set up a conference call in mid April to review progress on the 'Open Standards – Open Opportunities' consultation.

LH will explore the possibility of the PSG meeting in HMRC office in 3rd week of May 2012.

Basil Cousins
Secretary