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Overview

Panel C has been charged with the development of policy and implementation proposals in relation to 6 structural reform work strands. These embrace Human Resources, Capacity Building, Finance, Estates, Transfer of Functions and Service Delivery (i.e. on a Regional/Sub Regional basis).

Some of the work strands naturally interlink and are being taken forward on the basis of 4 projects (i.e. Assessment of Options for Local Government Service Delivery, Human Resources, Finance/Estates and Capacity Building). The Assessment of Options for Local Government Service Delivery project, which embraces the Transfer of Functions, is being taken forward by way of a consultancy assignment. The other 3 projects are being taken forward by Working Groups comprising mainly Central and Local Government Officers.

Latest News

25/06/2009

PwC issued their revised phase 1 draft report to Panel C on 27 May 09. A series of briefings between PwC and the political parties took place during June 09 and feedback will be presented to SLB at 3 July meeting.

The Capacity Building Working Group presented their draft Implementation Plan to PDPC on 22 June 09.

SLB has agreed the establishment of a Local Government Reform Joint Forum which will take forward all HR implementation issues. Finance/Estates Working Group submitted further Implementation Proposals to Panel C on 22 June 09.

3 Month Forward Outlook

PDP C comments on the recommendations in the PwC Phase 1 report will be presented to SLB on 03 July 09 for consideration. The PwC report is seeking agreement on the range of options for the structural design of the 11 new councils to which a cost benefit/analysis will be applied. From that analysis it is expected that a preferred structural model will emerge. Completion of Phase 2 is scheduled for early September 09.

The Finance and Estates Working Group continues to develop and make recommendations on the issues in their work programme. The Executive Sub Committee meeting will take place on 20 July 09 to discuss, inter alia, the proposed marginal changes to functions transferring to local government. All other Working Groups under Panel C will continue to consider issues in their respective areas and will make recommendations to Panel C. Further policy and implementation proposals will be made to SLB at a later date.

OGC Gateway Review Details

OGC Gateway Review Details	Date	Result
Review 0 - Strategic Assessment		

Next Gateway Review planned for:

Comments

High Level Project Schedule

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>%Complete</u>	<u>RAGStatus</u>
Policy Development				
01 Preparation of PID for SLB approval and securing team resources	01/09/2008	30/09/2008	100	
02 Identify position in relation to work strands and scope of work group programmes	01/09/2008	30/09/2008	100	
03 Identify any primary legislation requirement for Human Resources Work Strand	01/10/2008	31/10/2008	100	
04 Identify any primary legislation requirement for Finance/Estates Work Strand	01/10/2008	31/10/2008	100	
05 Identify any primary legislation requirement for Capacity Building Work Strand	01/10/2008	31/10/2008	100	
06 Formation of a Transfer of Functions Working Group	01/01/2009	28/02/2009	100	
07 Commence Assessment of Options for Local Govt Service Delivery - Phase 1	15/01/2009	20/04/2009	100	
08 Draft Phase 1 report	15/01/2009	27/05/2009	100	
09 Final Phase 1 report	27/05/2009	03/07/2009	0	
10 Identify further policy and implementation proposals for Finance/Estates Work Strand	26/02/2009	31/08/2009	75	