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**Overall Status**

Project/ Programme Director:

Risk Management:

Communications:



**Overview 24/09/2008**

Policy Development Panel (Governance, Community Planning and Central / Local relations) has been tasked with the development of recommendations on policy and implementation proposals in relation to:

- the governance arrangements for the new councils;
- the framework and guidance required for an effective council led community planning process; and,
- the development of mechanisms for effective relations between central and local government, particularly on matters of mutual interest and concern.

**Latest News 24/09/2008**

12 September 2008 PDP meeting focusing on Governance - Standards and Oversight. The Taskforce's Governance Sub-group recommendations relating to standards and oversight was discussed and sorted into three categories – ethical standards and the code of conduct, the role of the Local Government Auditor (LGA) and those which can be addressed at a later stage. A paper on Ethical Standards and Code of Conduct was presented by DOE officials and discussed. A paper on the development of the role of external audit agencies and how their remit had widened in other jurisdictions was also discussed.

**Risk Profile**

No of High Risk Items > 12	0
No of Medium Risk Items >= 6	0
No of Low Risk Items < 6	0

Risks have been rated on a scale of 1 to 5 ( impact and probability) and multiplied together to form an overall rating.

**Latest OGC Gateway Review Details Date Result**

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Next Gateway Review planned

**Comments**

**Forward Outlook**

Key meeting to take place on 25 September 2008 covering governance arrangements. (The outcome of this will inform the emerging proposals being presented to SLB on 3 October 2008.)

Community Planning Workshop on 09 October 2008.

Continued work on detail of policy proposals for all 3 areas of PDPA.

Commencement of work on policies for subordinate legislation / statutory guidance.