

## Changes affecting the Information Assurance Technical Programme (IATP) and the Intelligent Customer Mechanism (ICM)

The Data Handling Review resulted in changes to the governance of Information Assurance for Government. These changes included the establishment of ministerial responsibility for Information Assurance and supporting committees to oversee IA delivery across Government.

Also included in the changes were decisions affecting the IATP and ICM. Specifically, it was decided that GCHQ would deliver the IATP and would "own" the ICM.

### ICM Transition – making it happen

Following these decisions, actions have now been taken to transition the ICM into CESG/GCHQ business-as-usual and to move IATP from a Cabinet Office-led Programme to CESG/GCHQ Delivery Management.

To effect ICM transition, proposals were submitted to the IA Delivery Group (IADG) – one of the oversight committees chaired by Government CIO, John Suffolk – recommending that the ICM become the mechanism for the delivery of Common Good IA Capability for Government. At the IADG meeting on 18 September 2008, the collaborative approach of the ICM was fully endorsed. A proposal to treat Common Good requirements for Bulk Data Transfer through the ICM was also agreed as a working example to test Government's ability to put the ICM's collaborative approach into practice.

### IATP Delivery going forward

For IATP, the delivery and endorsement of the ICM represents a significant successful milestone, which has enabled the IATP sponsors (MoD, Agencies, Cabinet Office and FCO) to consider how the programme can best be taken forward in line with the governance decision to deliver IATP through GCHQ.

As a result, the IATP sponsors have reaffirmed their commitment to this collaboration and have determined to focus IATP delivery in High Grade space, whilst supporting broader, more generic capability delivery by contributing (with other departments) to ICM collaboration initiatives such as secure bulk data transfer.

IATP will be delivered by GCHQ and hence no longer be a Cabinet Office-led programme. Sponsors continue to seek assurance that their investment is safeguarded and focused on their joint strategic agenda. To this end, it was decided that John Taylor (MoD), as the most significant funder of IATP, would become IATP Senior Sponsor and the MoD's John Cook, the IATP Director. CESG will appoint a Delivery Director in due course.

These decisions take immediate effect but will not alter programme delivery this FY. Following the normal course of events, the existing IATP programme management team within CESG will work up the portfolio build for the sponsors for both High Grade and ICM Delivery.

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