New .uk Policy Process

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Why have we got a new process?

- A Board Decision April 2010 welcomed the support of a wide range of stakeholders in shaping .uk policy
- Consistent with changes in our constitution to put the public interest at the heart of what we do.

Process is intended to be:

- Inclusive
- Robust
- Proactively builds relationships
- Maintains a high standard of self-regulation and independence
- Ensures long-term relevance as an organisation, in a rapidly evolving environment.
How does it work?

- The .uk policy process begins with a proposal phase.
- Any stakeholder may submit an issue for consideration.
- Secretariat considers whether the issue falls with .uk policy and whether it is line with Nominet’s mission and vision.
- An issue brief is circulated to as broad a range of stakeholders as possible, with a view to inviting comments and bringing together an issue group.
- Evidence based research may be commissioned to inform the discussions before or during discussions.
- Secretariat brings together a balanced group of representatives into an issue group.
- Issue group discussions.
- Preparation and submission of recommendations to Board.
- Outcome of Board’s decision published.
Where are we now in implementation?

- New .uk policy process website launched on 9 February 2011, containing clearer information and mechanisms for stakeholder engagement
- Progress made on two issue proposals
  - Domain names associated with criminal activity
  - Expired domain names
- Stakeholder implementation plan and outreach well underway
- Stakeholder Committee appointed and functioning
- Held first Dot UK Policy Forum in May
- Reaction from stakeholders to new process almost universally positive
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