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New .uk Policy Process

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Why have we got a new process?

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- 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.
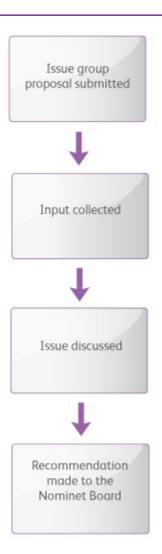
Process is intended to be:

- 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 balanced group of representatives into an issue group

- Issue group discussions

- Preparation and submission of recommendations to Board

- Outcome of Board's decision published

Issue group proposal submitted

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Input collected

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Issue discussed

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Recommendation made to the Nominet Board

Where are we now in implementation?

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- 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

Questions?

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