

# **Strategic Review of the UK National Measurement System (NMS) April – December 2005**

## **Annex A**

### **Terms of Reference of the Review**

**To review and make recommendations on:**

- The balance and priorities of NMSD expenditure;
- The scope for, and the necessary mechanisms, to align the formulation (and subsequent delivery, dissemination and implementation of the results) of NMSD Programmes to support the Technology Strategy and Research Council priorities;
- The scope for devolving mature measurement services to appropriate alternative providers in order to optimise the amount of resource available for addressing mid / long term research priorities;
- The structure of NMS programmes;
- The potential for improvements in the flexibility, formulation, management, impact and evaluation of NMS programmes;
- The principles for devolution of NMS activities to overseas metrology institutes where this makes commercial and practical sense;
- Implications for the National Measurement Laboratories; and
- Appropriate advisory structures

**All with a view to developing a strategy for NMSD work to address present, medium and longer-term needs.**