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To: IT Strategy Project Team
Subject: Transformational Government Strategy

Dear Strategy Team

Overall I welcome the Transformational Government Strategy it put into motion changes that are essential to deliver that benefits of 5 years hard work on e-Government. I have 2 points I wish to raise;

1. Timing is critical – most local authorities I am in contact with perceive that the end of e-government is coming on the 31st March 2006 with the end of BVPI157 and 30th June 2006 with the deadline for IEG6. The launch of the final strategy should be swift thus not to causes a pause in momentum around this period. Also a letter to all Chief Executives about what happens next is crucial.
2. GIS Standards - I am concerned with the statement at point 8 (page 13) on Shared Services (Item 39) about the use of the Geographical Information Panel. During the past year I have been part of Project Board for the introduction of the National Spatial Address Infrastructure (NSAI) basically discussing the issues of geographic information data standards. This has failed to meet an agreement (see <http://www.local-egov.gov.uk/en/1/1134650730087.html>) and highlights the problems of involving data supplier in developing or using data standards. My concerns are that the same may happen again with in this Panel with the Ordnance Survey and Royal Mail dictating terms. There should be a move to distance suppliers and standards.

Regards

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