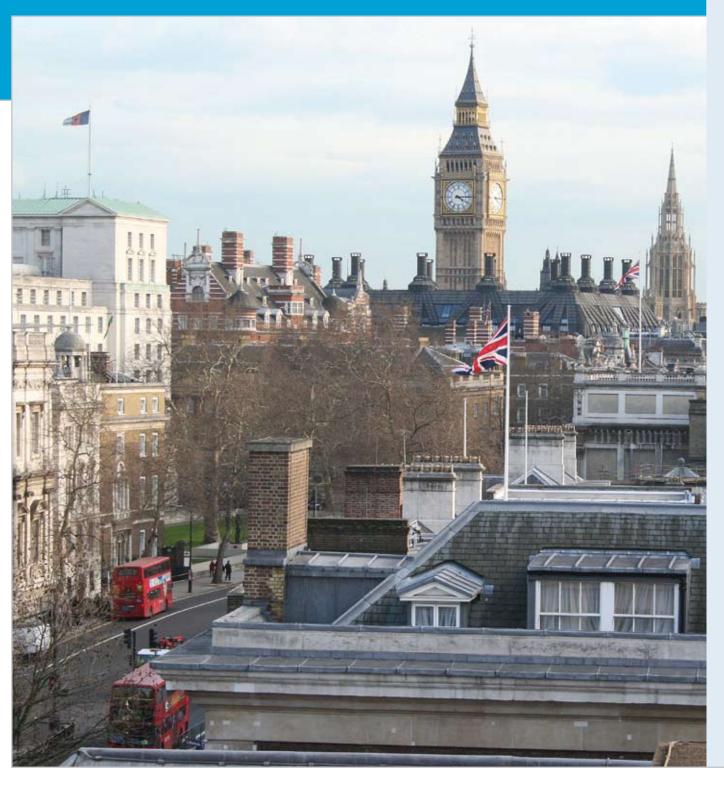
THE STORY OF OUR YEAR

Timeline of key events and achievements

April 2007 – March 2008



APRIL

- Public Sector Reform
 Conference run by
 Cabinet Office and
 the National School of
 Government: focus on
 future public service
 delivery
- Internal newsletter Inside wins Communicators in Business award



- Cabinet Office Black and Asian Network event celebrates the diversity of India
- Signing of 'Skills pledge' with 15 other government departments to help employers deliver 2010 skills level targets from Leitch Report

MAY

 Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General, visits Cabinet Office after addressing both Houses of Parliament to mark the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade



- Cabinet Office holds sustainable development event with Defra, Carbon Trust and the Energy Saving Trust
- First full meeting of Civil Service HR Leaders Council to develop HR professionalism across government

JUNE

- Cabinet Office welcomes new Prime Minister, new departmental Ministers and Board members
- Civil Service Capability
 Group was put in place
 to build the capacity and
 capability of the Civil
 Service to deliver the
 Government's objectives.
- Publication of Cabinet
 Office People Strategy
- Cabinet Office Ministers support Volunteers'
 Week by helping out at three different community projects in London



- Office of the Third Sector announces £117 million funding programme for v to transform youth volunteering in England
- Cabinet Office Briefing Room (COBR) activated to deal with terrorist threats in London and Glasgow
- Publication of Capability Reviews for three government departments

JULY



- Cabinet Office Staff
 Conference: Prime
 Minister delivers keynote
 speech and first ever
 Cabinet Office Awards
 for staff held
- Cabinet Office leads first ever public consultation on the draft legislative programme
- Prime Minister asks Gus
 O'Donnell to lead a
 review of the UK's border
 security arrangements
- Publication of The future role of the third sector in social and economic regeneration, a joint Cabinet Office/HM Treasury report



AUGUST



- Cabinet Office introduces staff video sharing site 'CabCam' to improve internal communication
- Government Gateway launches Safety in Numbers campaign

SEPTEMBER

Pitt Review interim report on reducing the impact of future flooding published



Office of the Third Sector launches £30 million programme – to refurbish and transfer underused local authority assets to local organisations

 Joint meeting of Cabinet Office Board and ministers

OCTOBER

- · Launch of new Cabinet Office diversity plan and framework at first ever Cabinet Office People Week
- Launch of Senior Civil Servants' (SCS) induction programme - SCS 'Basecamp' – with National School for Government
- Cross-government Crime and Communities review team set up in Cabinet Office to engage local communities in the fight against crime
- European and Global **Issues Secretariat** produced the publication: Global Europe; Meeting the Economic and Security Challenges

NOVEMBER

 Sir Suma Chakrabarti's review of the role and purpose of the Cabinet Office published



- Cabinet Office pilots new People Survey based on employee engagement principles, in advance of roll out across government
- Social enterprise day: one year on – Office of the Third Sector publishes update on progress against action plan
- Civil Service Awards: Cabinet Office wins procurement award for ICT shared services project Flex
- Security in a global hub report on new UK border arrangements published by Cabinet Office





DECEMBER

- 1977 Cabinet Office and Prime Minister's Office records transferred to The National Archives under the 30 year rule
- Office of the Third Sector publishes update on progress against Partnership in Public Services action plan
- Capability Reviews' progress and next steps document published: all 17 Whitehall departments now reviewed
- Joint Board meeting between Cabinet Office and HM Treasury



JANUARY 2008

- Two new Ministers and three new Board members join the Cabinet Office
- Launch of Think Family, the second half of the Families at Risk review, by Cabinet Office Social Exclusion Task Force
- Cabinet Office launches Single Equality Scheme to staff for consultation
- Office of the Third Sector unveils Grassroots Grants, a £130 million programme to boost local community organisations
- Launch of new
 Honours campaign for nominations from the general public of local heroes in their area

FEBRUARY



- Launch of Cabinet
 Office discussion paper
 Realising Britain's
 Potential: Future Strategic
 Challenges for Britain
- Phil Hope MP announces £10 million Risk Capital fund for social enterprises

MARCH

- Cabinet Office holds International Women's Day event with HM Treasury
- First UK national security strategy published by Cabinet Office
- Cabinet Office organises Tower 08 event on public service transformation with trade association Intellect



Above: Tom Watson MP, Parliamentary Secretary and Minister for Transformational Government

- Phil Hope announces the Government's response to the Commission on the Future of Volunteering report, Manifesto for Change
- Civil Service Capability Group publishes new performance management arrangements on leadership for Civil Service



Above: Ylana First, MBE