



Business Plan 2021/22

This document sets out:

- the **Mission** and **Visions** of the RPC for the current Parliament
- its six **Strategic Objectives** with, for each, the **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** that we will use to track progress
- **Priority Activities** for the coming year, with milestones where appropriate

Mission

To improve the evidence and analysis informing regulatory decisions, through independent scrutiny and delivery of our role as independent verification body

Vision

- 1. Business, civil society organisations, parliament and the public are confident that regulatory decisions in the UK are informed by robust and proportionate evidence and analysis and recognise the RPC's role**
- 2. Departments and regulators actively turn to us, as a centre of excellence, for independent, expert advice to improve their impact assessments and evaluation**

Strategic Objectives

Core casework

1. To deliver independent opinions on impact assessments and post-implementation reviews that are timely, clear and consistent
2. To verify the impacts of regulatory proposals and confirm whether they are qualifying or non-qualifying for the Business Impact Target (BIT)

Improving systems and processes

3. To encourage and assist departments and regulators to improve the quality of their impact assessments and evaluation of regulation
4. To engage effectively with business, civil and voluntary organisations, parliamentarians and the public on the evidence and analysis supporting regulatory proposals
5. To contribute to the development and implementation of policies for better regulation
6. To enhance UK regulatory scrutiny through engagement with international counterparts, and to encourage evidence-based regulation in our trading partners

1. To deliver independent opinions on impact assessments and post-implementation reviews that are timely, clear and consistent

KPI 1 – Number of opinions issued

KPI 2 – Timely: opinions produced to agreed timescales:

A) 90% of opinions delivered by target deadlines

B) average time to produce a 30 day deadline opinion

C) average time to produce a 20 day deadline opinion

KPI 3 – Clear: Positive departmental feedback on the clarity of RPC opinions

KPI 4 – Consistency: TO CONSIDER FURTHER HOW TO TRACK

Priority Actions

ONGOING PROCESSING OF CASES TO AGREED TIMESCALES AND COMMITTEE SATISFACTION, WITH ROBUST DATA CAPTURE

PA 1.1 – Further development of RPC database and processes to facilitate processing of cases and efficient delivery of our IVB functions [*links to PA 2.1*]

PA 1.2 – Review new survey approach to departmental feedback and refine process

PA 1.3 – Review new templates and refine as necessary

PA 1.4 – Agree processes for delivering scrutiny of DIT trade agreement IAs

PA 1.5 – Develop processes for ensuring consistency of opinions (both content and language) and associated KPI

2. To verify the impacts of regulatory provisions and confirm whether they are qualifying or non-qualifying for the Business Impact Target (BIT)

KPI 5 – Numbers of QRPs and NQRPs confirmed

KPI 6 – Absolute difference made by RPC verification to EANDCB calculations for QRPs

Priority Actions

ONGOING VERIFICATION OF BIT SCORES AND TRACKING OF QRPs and NQRPs

PA 2.1 – Develop our processes to capture and track regulatory provisions [*links to PA 1.1*]

PA 2.2 – Support BRE in production of annual Government BIT report and produce RPC IVB report within one month of publication of Govt report

3. To encourage and assist departments and regulators to improve the quality of their impact assessments and evaluation of regulation

KPI 7 – Proportion of all final stage IAs processed that were seen at consultation stage

KPI 8 – Counts of key interactions:

A) page views on guidance page of RPC website

B) numbers attending RPC training

C) count of Committee engagements with departments

Priority Actions

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT WITH DEPARTMENTS AND REGULATORS:

AT SECRETARIAT LEVEL – REGULAR MEETINGS BETWEEN RPC DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNT MANAGERS AND BRUs AND DELIVERY OF TRAINING COURSES

AT COMMITTEE LEVEL – REGULAR MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENTAL CHIEF ECONOMISTS AND OTHERS

PA 3.1 – Meet each key department at least four times per year at BRU level

PA 3.2 – Meet each key department at least once per year at Ministerial/BLC or Chief Economist-level

PA 3.3 – Deliver 12 policy training courses a year, with an average of 15 attendees and received positive feedback

PA 3.4 – Review methodology guidance and case histories to reflect any changes in the Framework and BIT metric

4. To engage effectively with business, civil and voluntary organisations, parliamentarians and the public on the evidence and analysis supporting regulatory proposals

KPI 9 – Counts of committee engagements:

A) with TUC and Business Relationship Organisations

B) with sector contacts/civil society organisations and committee

C) with parliamentarians

[KPI 10 – Feedback from external stakeholders on satisfaction in annual survey]

KPI 11 – Trends in social media activity:

A) number of tweets

B) clicks to website from Twitter and LinkedIn

C) page views on published opinions

Priority Actions

ONGOING EFFORT TO PUBLICISE OUR ACTIVITY AND ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS

PA 4.1 – To develop our strategy for engagement including increasing awareness of the RPC and our influence

PA 4.2 – Meet with agreed list of top-priority BROs and NCVO, TUC at least once per year

PA 4.3 – Meetings with 12 sector specific organisations (including civil society organisations and think tanks etc)

PA 4.4 – To tweet at least ten times a month (on average), including on publication of opinions

5. To contribute to the development and implementation of policies for better regulation

NO KPI

Priority Actions

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT WITH MINISTERS, BRE AND DEPARTMENTS TO ENSURE THAT RPC VIEWS ARE REFLECTED IN GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO BETTER REGULATION

PA 5.1 – Contribute to the Government’s review of the BIT such that the Committee are comfortable with any revised BIT metric and their role for the new Parliament, and that RPC views were taken into account appropriately

PA 5.2 – Work with BRE to ensure that the framework and associated processes and guidance are clear

6. To enhance UK regulatory scrutiny through engagement with international counterparts, and to encourage evidence-based regulation in our trading partners

KPI 12 – Counts of international engagements

A) RegWatch Europe and OECD engagements

B) other significant international interactions

Priority Actions

TO PARTICPATE IN INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY SCRUTINY ORGANISATIONS AND DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, WORKING CLOSELY WITH BRE IN DOING SO

PA 6.1 To participate in four RegWatch Europe meetings and three OECD meetings each year

PA 6.2 To enhance or develop relationships with key organisations in at least two countries with which the UK seeks to establish bilateral trade agreements

Notes

1. The RPC Risk Register 2021 captures the most significant current risks to the delivery of the Strategic Objectives set out in this plan.
2. The RPC KPI Dashboard 2021 shows the current position against the KPIs listed above.
3. The RPC Corporate Report 2022 will report on delivery against this plan.
4. This document sets out the strategic plan for the RPC as an independent advisory body. Additional objectives for the activities of the RPC Secretariat and the teams within it are set out in the current BRE Strategy and associated plans, and work plans for individual teams in the Secretariat.