



# ***Interim Business Plan 2022/23***

THIS IS AN INTERIM PLAN WHILE WE AWAIT CLARITY ON THE ROLE OF THE RPC  
IN THE REFORMED BETTER REGULATION SYSTEM - EXPECTED IN COURSE OF  
THE YEAR

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*

*D) average time to produce an opinion requiring an IRN*

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

***KPI 4 – Consistency: TO CONSIDER FURTHER HOW WE MIGHT TRACK***

### Priority Actions

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

PA 1.1 – Development of scrutiny components of reformed Better Regulation System. These will include new templates for opinions on impact assessments at relevant stages and for monitoring and evaluation plans.

PA 1.2 – Amend database and other supporting processes to support delivery of new process.

PA 1.3 – Review processes for scrutiny of FTA IAs and agree way forward with DIT reflecting available resources.

## 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 – Support BRE in production of final annual Government BIT report and produce RPC IVB report within one month of publication of Govt report.

PA 2.2 – Any necessary action to close down BIT processes and conclude accounting.

### 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

#### 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 blog posts, tweets and LinkedIn posts*

*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 review our strategy for engagement once we have clarity on new Better Regulation Framework and timing.

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 on significant activity and publish at least 12 blogs in the course of the year

## 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 is content with the operability of any revised BIT metric and clarity of its role for the new Parliament, and that RPC views were put forward appropriately.

PA 5.2 – Work with BRE to ensure that the framework and associated processes and guidance are clear and the transition plan will be deliverable



## 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 PARTICIPATE 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 2022 captures the most significant current risks to the delivery of the Strategic Objectives set out in this plan.
2. The RPC KPI Dashboard 2022 shows the current position against the KPIs listed above.
3. The RPC Corporate Report 2023 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.