

UK Multi-Stakeholder Forum for Open Government

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GOVERNMENT**
CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK

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Inclusivity

Joint agenda

Encourage everyone to participate

Avoid interruptions

Ensure people can follow the conversation

Provide time for people to consider topics before agreeing next steps



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Purpose of this meeting

Part 1: Review progress with the open contracting Open Gov Challenge commitment

Part 2: Analysis of NAP7 Initial evidence gathering phase

Comfort break

Part 3: Share updates from around the UK, including progress in developing the agenda for UK OGP Co-chairship



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A view from inside government



Part 1:

Update on UK Open Gov Challenge



Build public dashboards for open contracting data



Part 2:

Launch of NAP7 co-creation



NAP7 Outreach

- UK government launched a public call for evidence on 25th March 2026 inviting ideas for what could be include in NAP7.
- Call for evidence closed 25th May resulting in **78 submission comprising 139 ideas**
- CSSU conducted internal government outreach
- UK OGN held information sessions, supported by CSSU, for civil society and produced guidance on how to make a good submission



Analysis of NAP7 initial evidence gathering

CSSU considered the relevance and ambition of ideas alongside government and civil society **capability to engage in co-creation for NAP7.**

Our consideration of these criteria resulted in a series of recommendations:

Ready for co-creation - Government and civil society are ready to co-create a commitment

Build Capability - Government and civil society should work together to get ready for co-creation, but aren't ready yet

Explore Further - There is possibly some potential for co-creation, but not enough evidence to justify building capability or co-creating at this time, and needs to be considered further

Not for now - There is little or no potential for co-creation at this time



Co-chair key highlights

Reflections from Matt Clarke and Kevin Keith



Flexible Arrangements for Commitments





Ready for co-creation (1 of 2)

Mainstreaming public participation

What: To create a more effective and efficient system that mainstreams public participation across government to support decisions and policy development.

How: By using new technologies and innovative approaches to improve government consultation rules and duties



Ready for co-creation (2 of 2)

Public participation on rule of law

What: Public legal education and the future resilience of the rule of law.

How: Government welcome further suggestions to contribute to a rule of law culture and building future resilience



Breakout room discussion

8 minute small group breakout discussions:

- There will be facilitators in each group
- Agree 1-person to feedback from your group
- Feedback to mainroom in 8 minutes

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Breakout Room Feedback

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Build capability (1 of 2)

Open contracting

Government Commercial Function are already leading implementation of the UK standalone Open Gov Challenge commitment 'Building Public Dashboards for Open Contracting Data'

They wish to engage in a new round of co-creation in the future to build on progress during the last six NAPs and the Open Gov Challenge commitment.



Build capability (2 of 2)

Open justice

The Ministry of Justice team welcome the suggestions made in the public call for evidence.

Any potential open justice commitment requires further testing and approval within government before moving to co-creation.



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Explore further

Five themes should explore potential further, each with their own individual considerations mainly linked to existing ongoing activity.

These cover

- **anti-corruption and illicit finance,**
- **aid transparency,**
- **democratic participation,**
- **access to information and digital governance,** and
- **local transparency**



Not for now

Seven themes are not currently being considered for further action at this time;

- **Representative Democracy: Public participation in Parliament,**
- **Drowning,**
- **Environmental,**
- **Fiscal** (other than aid transparency),
- **Ethics and integrity,**
- **Health,** and
- **Planning**



Co-chair key takeaways and reflections



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10 minute Comfort Break



Part 3:

Updates across all levels of government and civil society



Updates

- UK OGN
- Cabinet Office
- FCDO incl. OGP co-chair agenda



Devolved and Local Governments

- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

- Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- Glasgow City Council



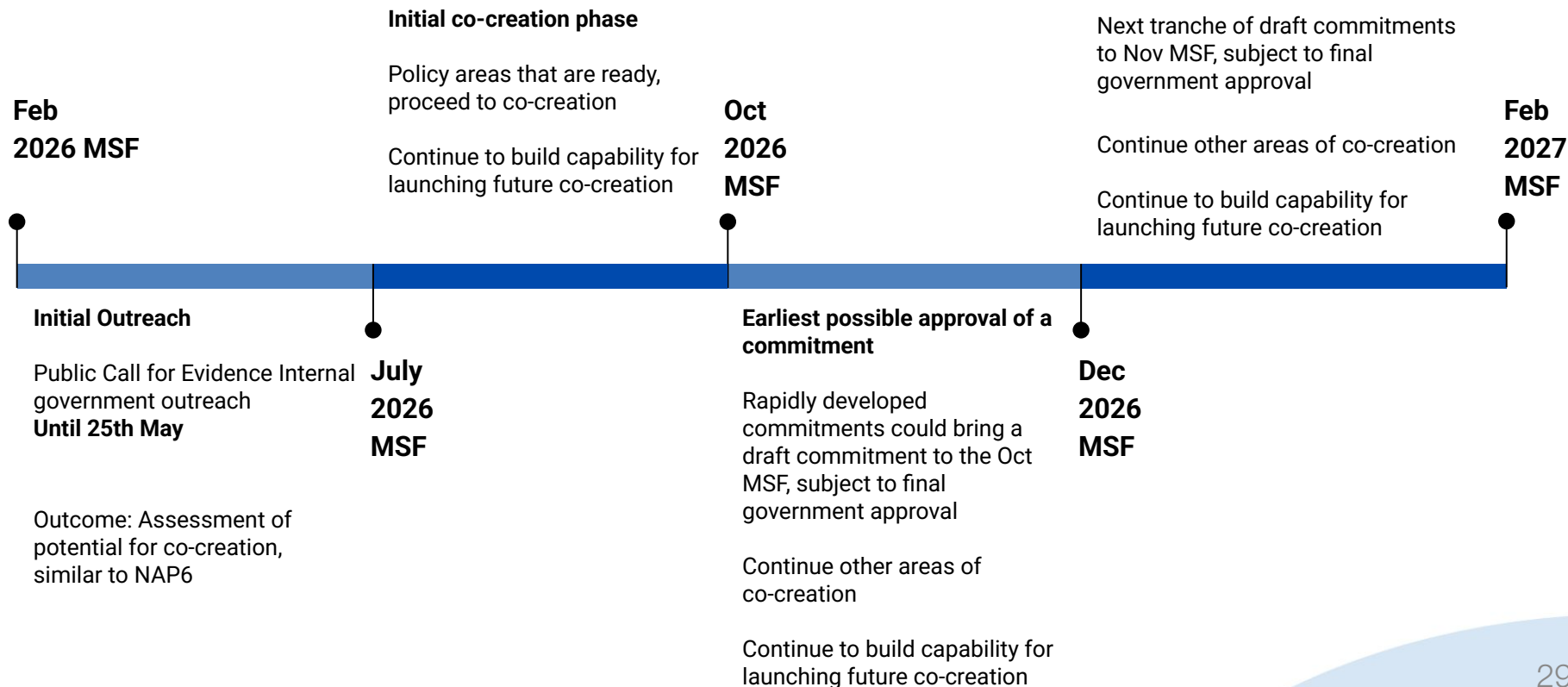
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Next Steps



Expected timelines





MSF schedule

Next provisional date:
October 2026

Future provisional dates:
December 2026
February 2027

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Closing remarks