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**United Kingdom - Update**

# Recent Topics

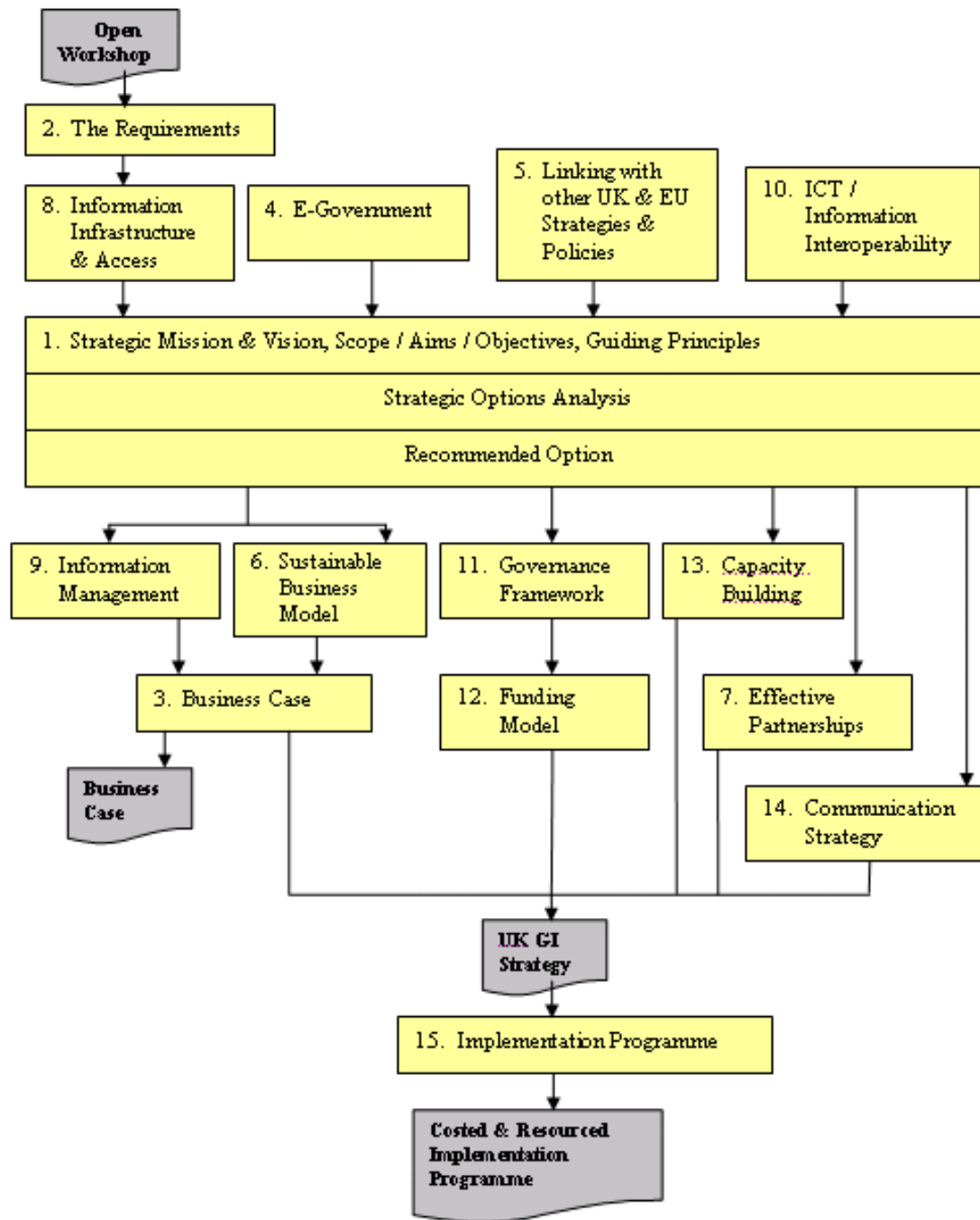
- **GIS Strategy Project**
- **Draft Marine Bill**

- **Announced April 2005**
- **Appointed by DCLG Ministers**
- **Members represent key interest groups in government, the private sector and the wider GI industry**
- **Secretariate provided by Ordnance Survey**
- **Website [www.gipanel.org.uk](http://www.gipanel.org.uk)**

- **to identify the key medium to long-term geographic information issues and advise Government through regular short reports to Ministers;**
- **to encourage more effective, extensive and systematic use of geographic information, led by the example of Government Departments and other public bodies where appropriate;**

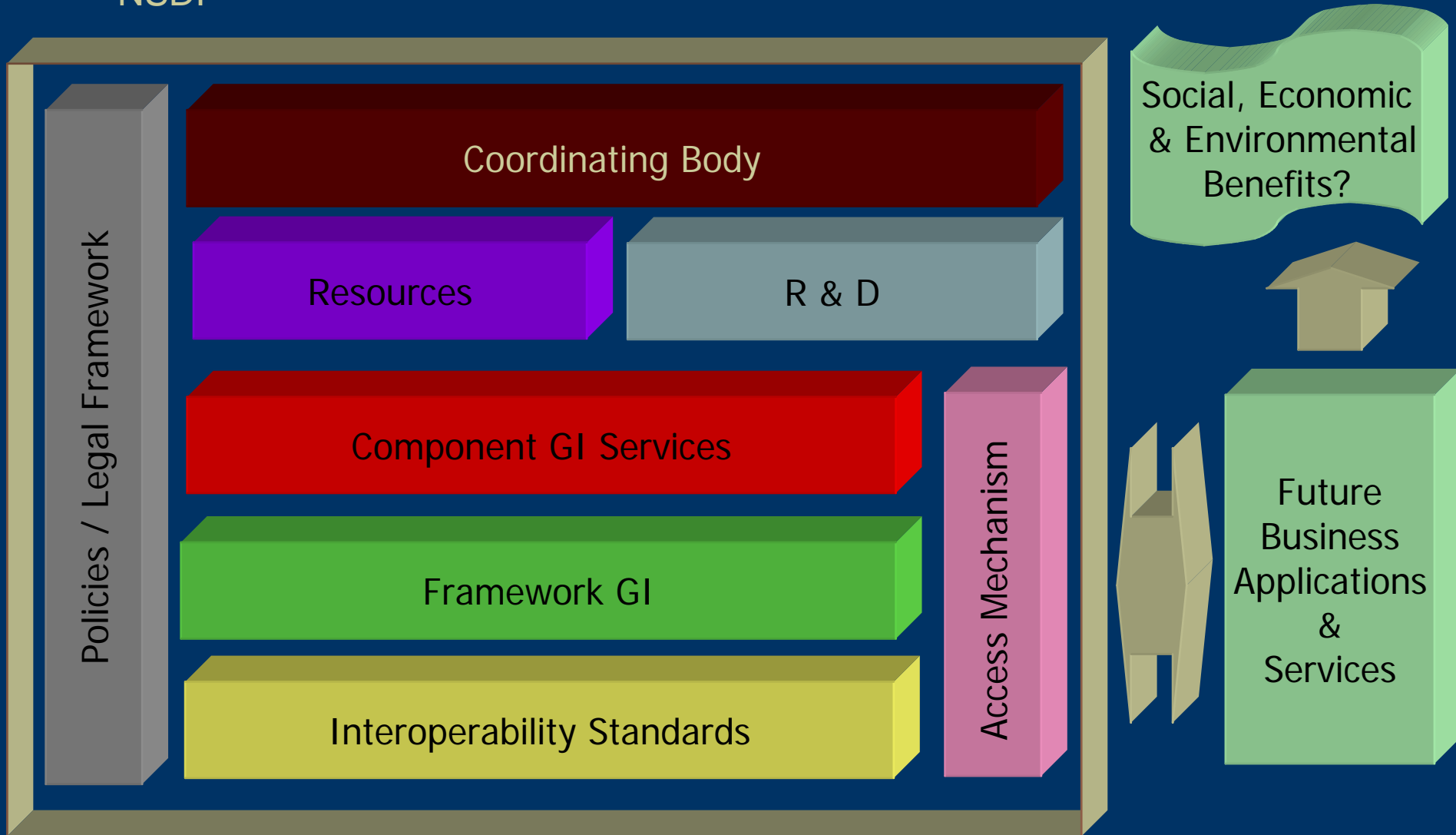
- **to facilitate a co-ordinated position on potential legislation, both national and international, that might impact on the geographic information market; and**
- **to promote a coherent approach to the management of geographic information in the United Kingdom.**

- to formulate a UK GI Strategy that is supportive of the regional GI strategies and other GI initiatives, provides the information requirements of the EU, is compatible with the UK public and private sector cultures, is enthusiastically supported by the wide range of stakeholders, creates a model for voluntary participation and cooperation in a federated political situation, can be implemented, is driven by the use / application of data and not the data and enables significant economic, social and environmental benefits in the short as well as the longer term.



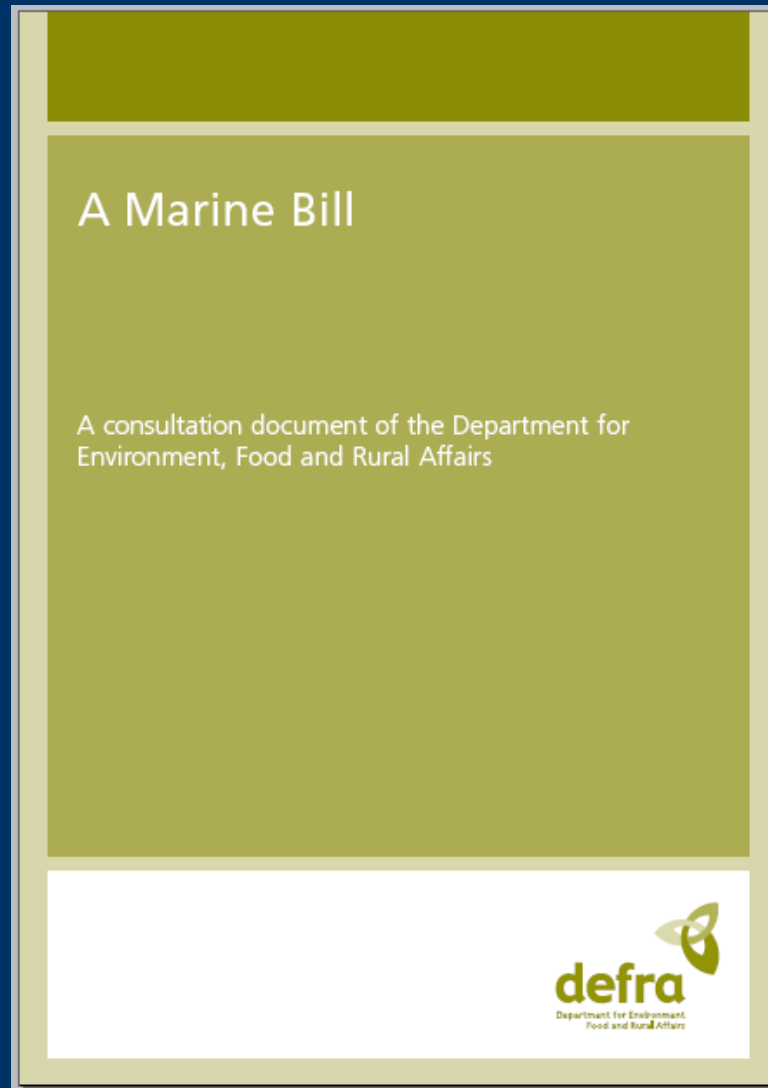
# GIS Strategy Potential Composition

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# Draft Marine Bill



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## Summary

The UK Government is committed to bring forward proposals for a Marine Bill that will introduce within its area of responsibility a new framework for the seas, based on marine spatial planning, that balances conservation, energy and resource needs. The document discusses the aims and scope of the Marine Bill. It sets out the main reasons why the UK Government thinks that new legislation is required. It outlines the background to and the proposed contents of the Bill, summarising its main components and how they are expected to fit together. No final decisions have been made on what might eventually be included in the Bill. This consultation therefore invites the views of anyone with an interest and forms a significant part of the process of shaping the scope and content of the Government's final policy proposals.