

**Minutes of the Socitm Futures Board meeting held on Monday 12 January 2009  
at Siemens Enterprise Communications, London**

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Attendees</b></p> <p>See Appendix A</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from: -</p> <p>Paul Davidson – Sedgemoor DC            Glyn Evans – Birmingham City Council            Stephen Fellowes – London Connects            Martin Greenwood – Socitm Insight            Sal Khan – East Staffordshire BC            Jacky Scobell – Kent County Council            Richard Steel – Newham Council (Socitm President)            David Thickett - DWP            Glen Wood – Wolverhampton City Council</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Adrian Hancock (chair) welcomed all attendees who introduced themselves.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Meeting Objectives</b></p> <p>Adrian Hancock described the evolution of Socitm Future group from Socitm Information Age group (SIAG) and advised the current structure is to be reviewed in terms of its composition. The group needs to focus on priorities, inform members and gather opinions.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting</b></p> <p>Apart from item 9, which was still under progress, the minutes were agreed.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Facilitated discussion on Government Connect</b></p> <p>Simon Norbury gave an update on Government Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 sites live</li> <li>• 106 councils exempt for 3 to 6 months with last one going live in October</li> <li>• Due to reorganisation 35 LA's have not yet submitted their</li> </ul>	

	<p>initial assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government connect are restructuring their team in order to provide more prescriptive advice</li> <li>• DWP had taken the lead on the way forward</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Concerns were expressed that LA's were connecting to both Government Connect and N3 without overall benefits being apparent.</p> <p>The N3/GC could be an issue for Socitm as there is a need to fully understand this in order to support one and challenge the other.</p> <p>It was noted that there was no mention by either Government Connect or Central Government of engagement with the third sector who were keen for involvement.</p> <p>The National IA strategy, however, recognised the need to extend into other sectors and it may be possible to emulate the 'Criminal Justice' model and off this to the third sector.</p> <p>Simon Norbury went on to explain the status of the PSN/OCEAN projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSI contract expires in 2 years time</li> <li>• PSN is the underlying network</li> <li>• OCEAN is the procurement of services</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>The aim of these projects is provide services which are easy to access and use and it is important that Local Government is involved.</p> <p>Simon also advised that CESG/DWP was currently defining an MOU to supplement this process.</p> <p>It was noted that a number of different connections had arisen for different reasons. The aim is to move towards a 'common stand' across Local Government and other sectors.</p>	
7	<p><b>Socitm Futures and Socitm Insight</b></p> <p>A paper was circulated prior to the meeting from Martin Greenwood outlining: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How Insight should interact with Futures</li> <li>• The need for discussion re the Insight research programme to agree relationship for the 2009 programme</li> </ul> <p>It was stated that both the SBD and NAC advocate strong links between Insight and Futures and the need for more synergy between the two.</p>	

	<p>It was recognised that outcomes would be unlikely to influence the 2009 Insight research programme.</p> <p>From the likely research topics provided by Insight it was generally agreed that items 1 and 8 should be included in the Insight 2009 Business Plan.</p> <p>Further discussion highlighted three key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define the relationships between <u>ALL</u> groups as there may be an overlap in activities</li> <li>• Finalising the terms of reference for Futures group and its membership</li> <li>• Define the unique points on the contribution to the society</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Adrian Hancock thanked David Hopkins and Siemens for their hospitality.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Dates for future meetings – All venues to be advised</b></p> <p>9 March 2009  18 May 2009  13 July 2009  14 July 2009  16 November 2009</p>	

## Appendix A

### Socitm Futures meeting 10 November 2009 Attendance List

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
Caron Alexander	Northern Ireland Civil Service
Leonard Anderson	Socitm Consulting
William Barker	CLG
Mark Brett	Socitm
David Bryant	Hytec Information Security Ltd
Ian Cooper	Hampshire County Council
Rose Crozier	Belfast City Council
Sue Douglas	Independent Consultant
Martin Ferguson	MJ Ferguson Associates Ltd
Adrian Hancock	Socitm (Chair)
Jim Haslem	London Borough of Bromley
Kevin Hayes	CESG
Martin Hill-Wilson	Datapoint Ltd
David Hopkins	Siemens Enterprise Communications Ltd
David Houston	Socitm
Michael Jackson	East Riding of Yorkshire Council (sub for Dylan Roberts)
Pamela Larsen (Secretary)	Socitm
Doug Maclean	Socitm Consulting
Neil Moore	Hampshire Fire and Rescue
Simon Norbury	Government Connects
Tony Riding	Independent Consultant (sub for Martin Greenwood)