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## A Strategy for the Technology Advisory Panel

### Role of the Technology Advisory Panel

In the context of the use of investigatory powers, the role of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Technology Advisory Panel (TAP) is to advise about

- i) the impact of changing technology,
- ii) the availability and developments of techniques to minimise interference with privacy, and
- iii) the use of technology to support the development and effectiveness of the Commissioner's Office (IPCO).

### Strategic workstreams: the six Rs

To fulfil its role the TAP carries out six concurrent strategic workstreams.

1. **Recognise** needs, by ensuring the TAP is collectively well briefed on i), ii), and iii). This involves regular engagement with the public bodies that exercise investigatory powers, as well as attention to the relevant academic research and more general horizon scanning.
2. **Respond** to formal and informal requests from the Commissioner, including those made on the Commissioner's behalf.
3. **Raise** issues proactively that are of concern to us and/or involve areas where we believe the Commissioner needs advice or additional support.
4. **Review** our relative and absolute efforts in the **Respond** and **Raise** modes, and between the concerns of i), ii), and iii).
5. **Reflect** on our effectiveness and expertise (including the composition of our membership) and evaluate our processes and outputs.
6. **Reach out** by leading and participating in activities with others interested in aspects of investigatory powers within the TAP's remit. When appropriate, proactively stimulate and coordinate discussions on topics of mutual interest. Publish advice or other documents where security classification permits.