

The image shows the exterior of The National Archives building. A prominent curved sign on the upper level of the building reads "The National Archives" in a dark, sans-serif font. The building features large glass windows and several white columns. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

The National Archives

Transparency and Public Data

APPSI meeting

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The Genesis...

2006

- “**Free Our Data**” The Guardian’s campaign

2008

- **Power of Information Review (POIR)** by Ed Mayo and Tom Steinberg.

2009

- **Tim Berners-Lee** promoting openness of government’s data and its free re-use

Dec.
2009

- **Smarter Government** white paper announces Government departments will provide access to their datasets through **data.gov.uk**

Jan
2010

- Launch of **data.gov.uk**

March
2010

- PM’s speech on **Building Britain’s Digital Future**

May
2010

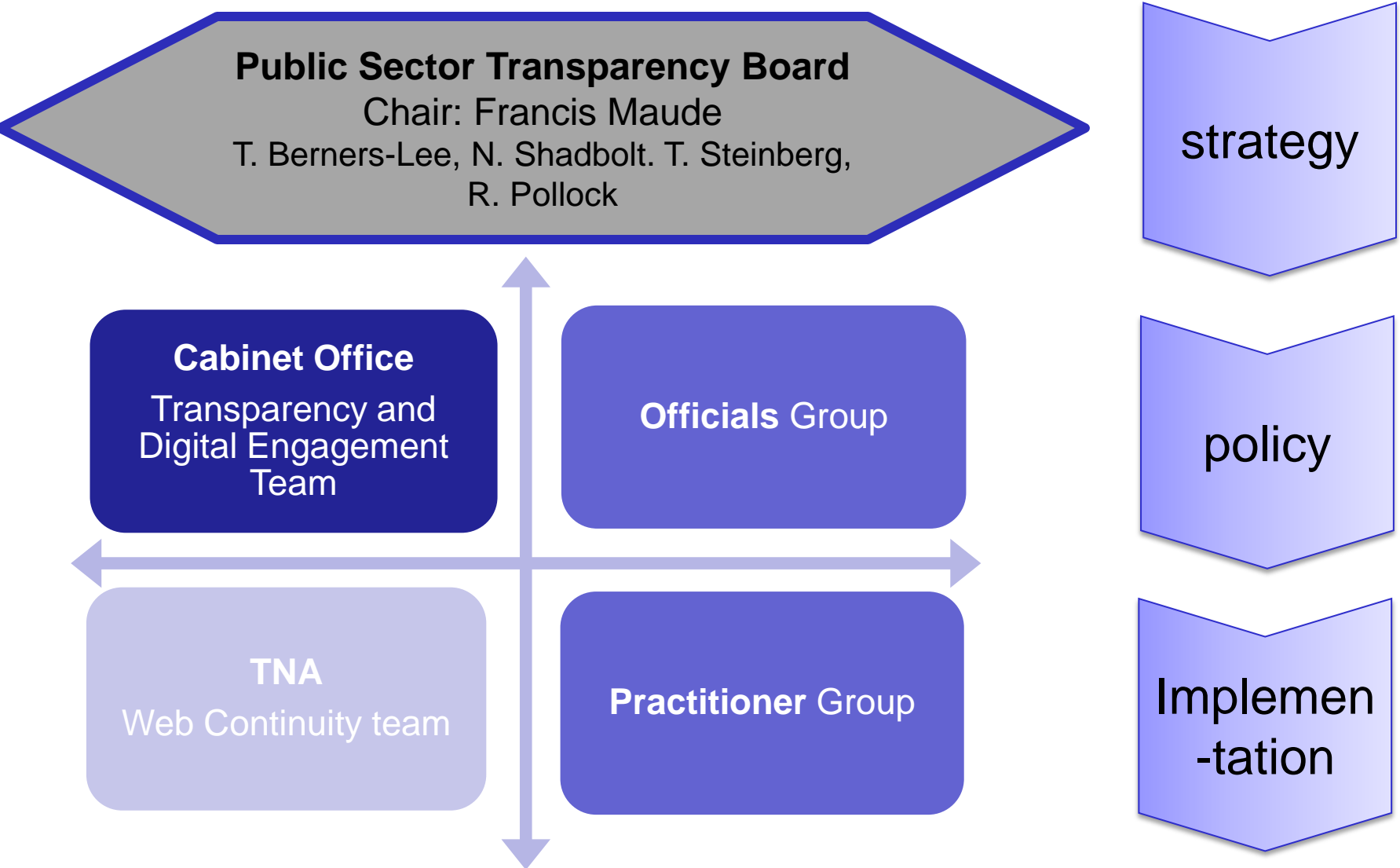
- The Coalition: **Our Programme for Government** – creating a ‘**right to data**’ and publication in an “open and standardized **format**” for easy re-use.

The Government Transparency Agenda

“The Government believes that we need to throw open the doors of public bodies, to enable the public to hold politicians and public bodies to account. We also recognise that this will help deliver better value for money in the public spending, and help us achieve our aim of cutting the record deficit. Setting government data free will bring significant economic benefits by enabling businesses and non-profit organisations to build innovative applications and websites.”

The Coalition: Our programme for government, May 2010

Governance for Transparency and Public Data



Draft Public Data Principles

1. Public data policy and practice will be clearly **driven by the public and businesses** who want an use the data, including what data is released when and in what format
2. Public data will be published in **reusable, machine readable form**
3. Public data will be released under the same **open licence** which enables free reuse, including commercial reuse
4. Public data will be made available and easy to find through a **single easy to use online access point** (<http://data.gov.uk>)
5. Public data will be published using **open standards**, and following relevant recommendations of the World Wide Web Consortium
6. Public data underlying the Government's own websites will be published in reusable form for others to use
7. Public Data will be **timely and fine grained**
- 8. Release data quickly**, and then re-publish it in linked data form
9. Public data will be **freely available** to use in any lawful way
10. Public bodies should actively **encourage re-use** of their public data
11. Public bodies should maintain and **publish inventories** of their data holdings

Government Commitments on data

Data	Deadline
Senior Staff and organogram <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job titles, Salaries and expenses of SCS >£58k• Organogram	Sep 2010 Oct 2010
Contract and Procurement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All tenders >£10k• ICT Contracts• New Central gov contracts	Sep 2010 July 2010 Jan 2010
Transactional financial data <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spending >£25k	Nov 2010
Government building energy use	Sep 2010

“From July 2010, government departments and agencies should ensure that any information published includes the underlying data in an open standardised format”

Achievement so far

- 3655 Public Datasets listed on data.gov.uk including: COINS, Energy data for HO and MOJ HQ buildings
- KPI definition for Public Data

	Figures on 06/05/2010	Figures on 25/06/2010	Variation
Total # datasets	3294	3525	+7%
# datasets directly submitted	643	773	+20%

Challenges

- Having a steady flow of data on data.gov.uk
- Identifying the data that the public wants and needs
- Assessing the impact for the country of departments' effort
- Getting arms-length bodies to embrace the Transparency agenda

Levers

- Clear mandate from No10
- 'Volume and Openness of data on data.gov.uk' metrics included in End of Financial Year Operational Efficiency Programme (HM Treasury)
- Provides agencies with greater visibility on Transparency