



# Review of RPAN Contract Model

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- Context for review
- Main features of RPAN3
- Formal consultation and early feedback
- Next steps



## Context

- increased service demands
  - availability and resilience
  - hours of cover
  - range of services and support
  - responsiveness to change
- political landscape
  - “single-sector solutions will be challenged”
- funding landscape: best value for money



## Why should RNs continue?

- regional sharing of investment and risk
  - national use of what's there – avoiding duplication
- focus for regional collaboration
- building of expertise
  - staff development
  - pool to draw upon
- responding to bespoke needs
  - economies of scale whilst retaining flexibility



## Areas addressed in review

- integration of UKERNA and RNO activities
- technical compatibility of network infrastructure
- value for money in service provision
- accountability for funds disbursed



# Integration

- JANET Delivery Team
  - UKERNA/RNO team building
  - timeliness and quality
- presentation and branding
  - consistent national JANET brand
  - increase customer confidence in service providers



# Technical compatibility

- national Technical Design Authority
  - ease the introduction of new technologies
  - UKERNA, RNO representatives, other experts
- service delivery model
  - RNO control over its infrastructure and its development
- alignment with JANET SLA
  - update to current standards
  - greater comprehensibility & customer confidence



# Value for money

- RNO funding model
  - better recognise geography and marketplace
  - target funding better to actual need
- demand aggregation
  - frameworks to improve pricing and quality, whilst reducing collective procurement overheads
- contract length
  - extend from three to five years





# Accountability

- RNO procurement process assurance
  - audit-based process
- RNO procurement technical requirements assurance
  - UKERNA sign-off of design before ITT and before award
  - with assistance of Technical Design Authority



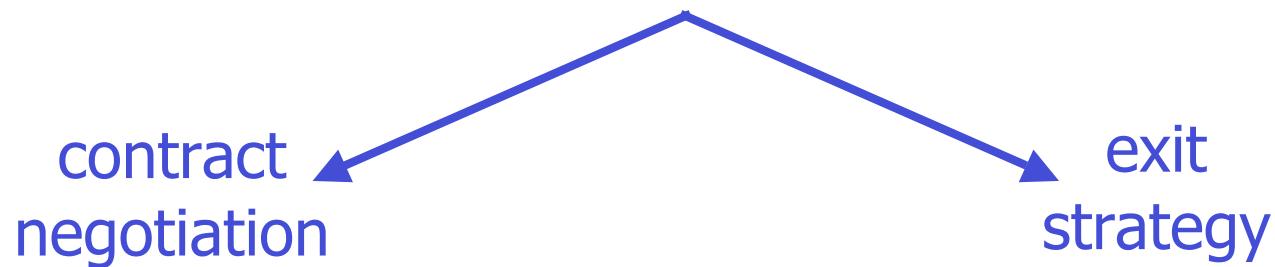
# Formal Consultation





## JANET Partner Agreement

- formal consultation of each RNO
- RNO asked to consider:
  - whether it wishes to continue as a provider of regional infrastructure
  - if so, are these changes acceptable in principle?





## Process

- offer of visits to RNO board meetings  
Bob Day, Tim Kidd, Steve Percival
- generally taken up – except (to date)  
C&NLMAN, LMN, NIRAN, NNW, NWMAN, UHI
- plus Scottish MANs Convenors' Group
- deadline for responses: **15 December 2006**



# RSC & RNO roles: initial thoughts

## JANET Connection

- delivery
- help to integrate into local network
- fault management
- practical advice on local management and security; capacity and resilience planning

## JANET services

- regional delivery if appropriate
- practical advice on applicability and taking up
- feedback to UKERNA

**“regional face of  
JANET”**

## Exploiting ICT

- best practice in using ICT in the teaching & learning process
- promotion of JISC services
- assistance with local ICT planning



# Next Steps





# Timetable

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## New funding model

- working group to develop proposal (to me)  
to be chaired by: Steve Percival  
co-opted members from RNOs:  
Mike Byrne                      Tim Robinson  
David Hayling                  Ian Sugden
- first meeting to be scheduled for November
  - initial scoping
  - benchmarking of RNO cost bases later





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# Contract negotiation

- use a team from UKMMG again?
  - need formal approval from JISC Chairs of MANs
- membership of team?
  - balance of skills and experience of operating a regional network and the present RPAN contract
  - time to devote to the work
- legal and other professional advice?
  - sort out the resourcing now



# Discussion