

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Plan B - IF Decisions
Date: 18 December 2025 15:05:00
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Thanks all – copying in [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] for awareness!

I've incorporated the comments and feedback and have stored here: [REDACTED]

This is therefore ready if we don't get a response from the Minister by midday tomorrow.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 December 2025 13:49
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Plan B - IF Decisions

Thanks [REDACTED] and all.

Plan B email looks good and comprehensive - but I don't really understand what 're-tension' means. Perhaps 're-assess' or 're-consider' (or either of these with 'review') might be a more [REDACTED] word.

Best

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2025 12:55:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Plan B - IF Decisions

Looks good [REDACTED]

I would add that IWG leads must ensure that they communicate this on appropriately.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 December 2025 12:39
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Plan B - IF Decisions

Thank you [REDACTED]

Best

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 December 2025 12:34
To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Plan B - IF Decisions

Hi all,

[REDACTED] looks as though he expects that we'll get a reply from the Minister in time to communicate decisions at noon tomorrow.

In case we can't, we need a Plan B. In preparation of a Plan B, I've drafted an email [REDACTED] could send.

The idea is to communicate to all projects that they are not allowed to discuss this further with anyone until Jan. Do you mind looking [REDACTED]

I've also update the lines in the v3 Q&A around international.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear all,

I am writing to you regarding decisions made by UKRI's ExCo on 16 December 2025, which relate to the Infrastructure Fund portfolio.

UKRI has undertaken an exercise to review and re-tension all Infrastructure Fund proposals from Wave 2 and 3 that were awaiting budget availability and/or business case approval, and assess these alongside new Wave 4 opportunities and invited resubmissions to the Infrastructure Fund. This was to ensure we are continuing to invest this funding in the right projects for the future.

Whilst the ExCo decision has been made, we have been directed by DSIT that communications cannot proceed in advance of the Minister's clearance.

Consequently, I'm emailing to inform you of the embargo on any form of discussions/communication before all return on 5 Jan 2026. I'm aware that due to the sensitivities here and that many colleagues have been working hard to ensure when the decisions are communicated, it is in a coordinated and controlled manner. Whilst this has been necessary, it's important now that information is not shared into the public domain prior to any Ministerial clearance.

I'm recognise this has impacts on your work as you return to the office in the new year, but ensure we remain in control of the situation within UKRI this embargo on further decisions

Yours Sincerely,

Ian Chapman

CEO, UK Research and Innovation

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