About the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) Council

CTO Operating Model

The CTO Council will:

- Facilitate the reuse of solutions through the creation, operation and maintenance of a registry, in order to increase the potential for reuse of assets across Government
- Share knowledge, expertise, experience and research by bringing together senior ICT representatives from across government
- Recommend, develop, integrate, administer and evaluate policies, procedures, and standards needed to provide flexible and cost-effective IT services, across government that meet customer requirements
- Identify and orchestrate joint-working including cross–departmental collaborative opportunities
- Assess new and emerging technologies to determine applicability and act as advisor to the CIO Council on technology investments and initiatives
- Work to both address common problems and derive best value from work already in train
- The CTO Council will align its deliverables with the UK Government ICT Strategy
- Also act as advisor to the CIO Council on policy, prioritisation and coordination of ICT for government
- Promulgate and maximise the use of standards

The distinguishing feature of all of these roles and responsibilities is their focus on operations.

CTO Council business will be conducted on the following basis:

- The Cabinet Office acts to orchestrate – by supporting and nurturing the development of vibrant cross–organisational networks that deliver
- Members operate in a collegiate manner based on the notion of working for government and not purely for their home organisation
- Council members operate on a collective responsibility basis to steer, own and deliver agreed cross government strategic actions and deliverables

A key thing to note is the requirement for senior representation - CTOs need to be in a position to make decisions on behalf of their organisations (where possible).