

Preparing for the future: A review of the Border, Immigration and Citizenship System: Terms of Reference

Context

The Home Secretary has announced that, in preparation for the delivery of new post EU exit immigration system, he has commissioned a review of the Border, Immigration and Citizenship System (BICS). The purpose of this review is to ensure the BICS is ready and able to deliver a world class immigration system to all its customers.

What will the review cover?

The review will focus on whether the Border, Immigration and Citizenship System has in place the right systems, structures and working practices to deliver against its goals. It will be forward looking in its nature. It will not consider individual policies or goals, but rather whether the system has the right capabilities to deliver against those stated objectives.

In particular, it will focus on:

- Making sure that the structures and frameworks in place enable operations to be as effective as possible in delivering new and existing policy goals;
- Ensuring that accountability and decision-making arrangements are optimised to enable BICS to achieve its mission; and
- How we ensure the system has the right people, resources, capabilities and ways of working in place to deliver in the post EU exit context.

Methodology

The review will be led by an independent chair. It will draw on the findings of other recent independent reviews, including, once available, the Windrush Lessons Learned Review. The final report will be presented to the Home Secretary and the Minister for Immigration in early 2020.