

Advisory group meetings

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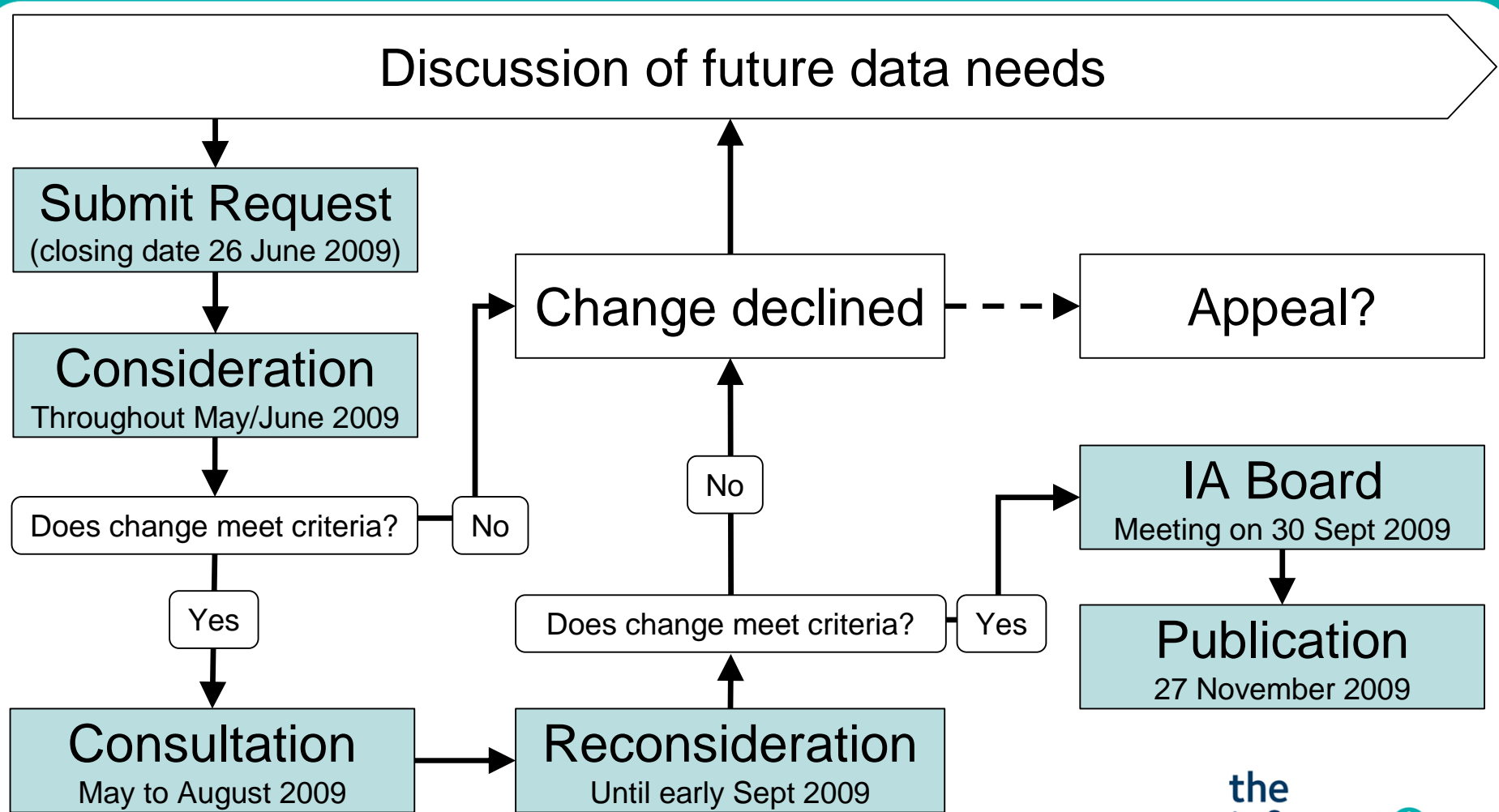
Agenda

- 2010/11 ILR change process
- Output and actions from the November workshops
 - ILR changes
 - Learner documentation
 - Data burden
 - Hard closing ILR dates
 - Data security & data protection
 - Communities of practice
- Feconnect developments

2010/11 ILR change process

- Timetable will be published and communicated to the FE system in February 2009
- The process will be broadly the same as that used for the 2009/10 ILR changes
- We are encouraging early submissions of requests for change
- Closing date for requests - Friday 26 June 2009
- 2010/11 ILR spec published - Friday 27 Nov 2009

2010/11 ILR change process



Feedback from workshops – Nov 2008

ILR change process

- November publication is really appreciated
- Need regular updates on the proposed changes
- Don't consult over summer - busy with 2008/09
- Overall a good process for the ILR specification

Providers want the process to include all other relevant documentation (annexes, funding guidance, LIS, LAD etc.) to ensure that everything is published on agreed dates.

Feedback from workshops – Nov 2008

Learner documentation

Why don't providers streamline their processes?

- Electronic signatures not allowed
- Development costs and time constraints
- Audit will not accept alternatives
- Too much documentation has to be copied & stored
- Each funding stream has differing requirements

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Learner documentation

How can the issues be rectified?

- Allow electronic signatures
- Allow the scanning and shredding of documentation
- Best practice guide to cover audit requirements
- Mechanism to 'approve' provider processes

This fed into the authority's learner documentation project. Output to be published shortly.

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Data burden

- Update on work in progress – ad hoc requests, awarding organisations, learner documentation etc.

Hard closing ILR dates

- No concerns on hard closing F05
- Providers often reopen ILRs for ESF matching

Any problems meeting the 6 Feb 2009 deadline for the 2007/08 F05?

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Data security & protection

- Providers want a single point of reference which offers brief guidance and signposts other resources
- Guidance should try to cater for specific groups (such as front line staff, auditors, tutors)

Data protection update

- [Data protection document](#) is now published

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Data security update

- Jan 2009 - met with Becta to agree to deliver and develop data security advice for the FE system
- Becta reviewing its [data handling security guidance for schools](#) to cover all education
- Seeking input from stakeholders on any gaps and also common scenarios
- Draft towards end of February 2009
- Final guidance published by the end of March 2009

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Communities of Practice

Providers are interested in joining 'private' online communities. They want:

- updates on data issues
- discussions / share best practice with peers
- information on events

Closed communities are being added to Feconnect.

Feconnect developments

- New web address <http://forums.theia.org.uk>
- Site is hosted and supported locally
- Re-branded with IA theme
- Groups – enable the sharing of best practice, peer discussions in a ‘closed’ environment and the raising of data issues
- E-alerts – register for updates such as a weekly digest of ILR developments & consultations
- Full time Community Facilitator appointed