

RTPI Planning Convention

Planning Nationally, Delivering Locally

**Sir Michael Pitt,
Chair,
Infrastructure Planning Commission**

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A better planning process for national infrastructure projects

- A simpler process
- Faster decisions
- A fairer approach
- Including people and communities
- Independent professional judgement
- Cutting costs
- Democratic and accountable



National Policy Statements



- Overall energy policy
- Renewables
- Fossil
- Electricity networks
- Oil and gas
- Nuclear



- Ports
- National networks
- Airports



- Water supply
- Waste water
- Hazardous waste

Looking to the future

Commitment to ‘an efficient and democratically accountable fast-track process for major infrastructure projects’.

- NPSs to be voted on by Parliament
- Decentralisation and Localism Bill
- Integration with the Planning Inspectorate
- Expertise, processes and special character of the IPC to be retained
- Transitional arrangements.

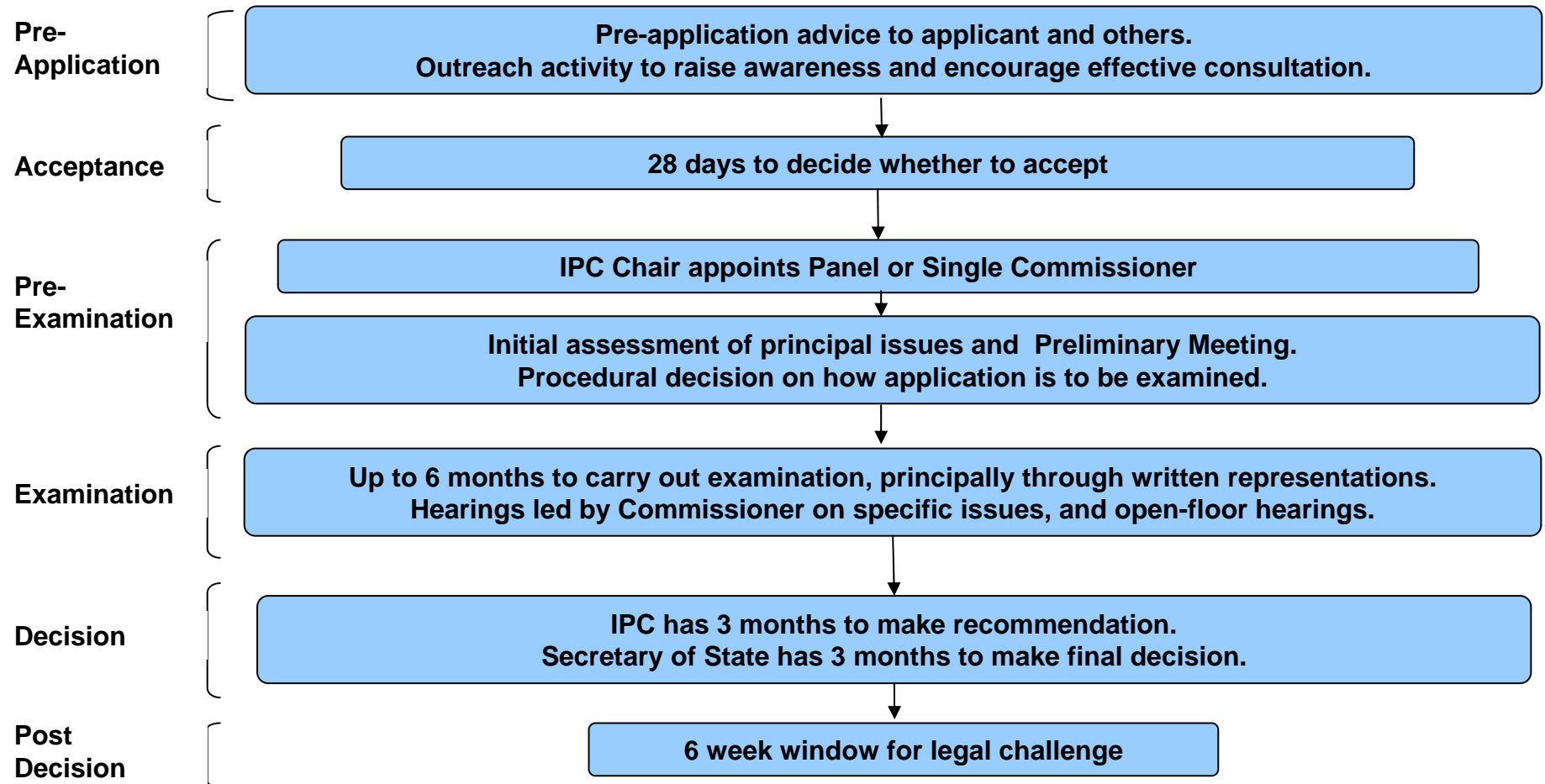


Five commitments

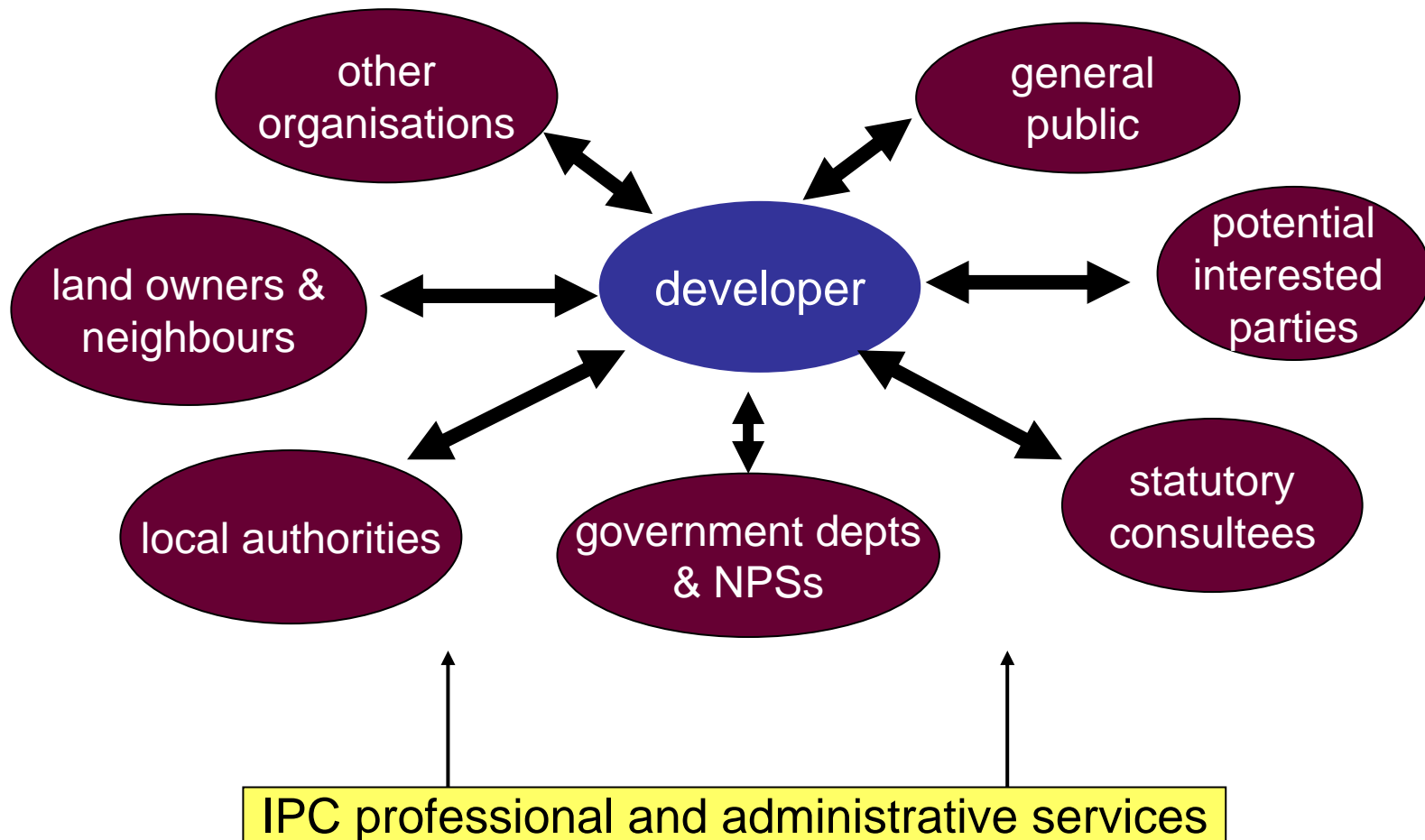
1. Engagement
2. Openness
3. Consensus
4. Sustainability
5. Independent decisions



How our process works



Pre-application: effective community and organisational engagement



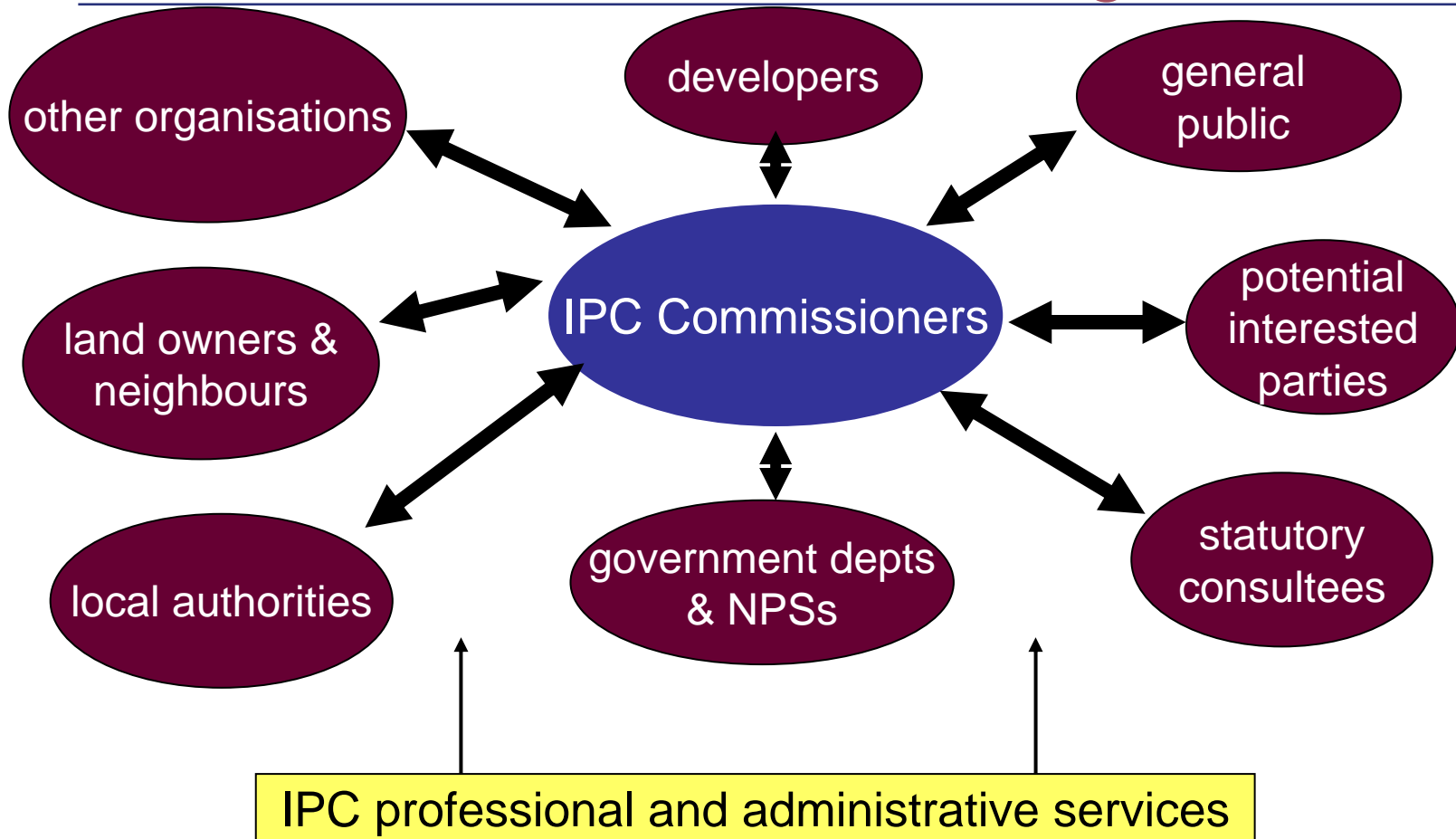
Pre-application work

Total application: No shocks and no surprises

- driven by applicant
- effective engagement with communities and LAs
- comprehensive EIA/ES
- SoCC
- development of DCO



Post application: effective gathering of evidence and decision making



Local authority leadership

- Statutory Consultee
- Planning Performance Agreements?
- Statement of Community Consultation – supporting developer
- Comment on adequacy of consultation
- Local Impact Report
- Enforcement of
Development Consent Order



Statement of Community Consultation

- Developer must consult local authority on draft SoCC
- Published in the local press
- Developers must do what they say!
- LA comments to IPC on adequacy of consultation



Local Impact Report (LIR)

- Local authority decides form and content
- Focus on the economic, environmental and social issues
- Submitted at examination stage to deadline set by Commissioner
- Important to start work **before** application
- IPC advice note

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Anticipated applications 2010-11

42 projects in hand

4 nuclear power stations [15 GW]

7 onshore and 8 offshore wind-farms [16.5 GW]

6 other generating stations [3.2 GW]

5 upgrades to overhead electricity lines

5 motorway or trunk road improvements

5 railway and rail freight terminal developments

1 gas pipeline

and the Thames Tunnel

Location	Proposal	Applicant	Anticipated date of submission	2010 - 2011			
				Apr - June	July - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar
Banwen, Neath	132,000 volt overhead wood pole line connect Maesgwyn Wind Farm	Western Power Distribution	July 2010	<	A	P	E
Clocaenog, Denbighshire	Wind farm (64-96 MW output)	RWE NPower Renewables	July 2010	<	A	P	E
Rookery South, Bedfordshire	Waste combustion plant (65 MW output)	Covanta	July 2010	<	A	P	E
Myrnydd y Gwynt, Y Foel nr Llangurig, Powys	Wind farm (up to 69 MW output)	Renewable Energy Holdings	01/09/2010	<	A	P	E
Brig y Cwm, Merthyr Tydfil	Waste combustion plant (up to 77 MW output)	Covanta	September 2010	<	A	P	E
Blyth, Northumberland	Biomass power station (100 MW output)	RES New Ventures	Q4 (Oct to Dec) 2010	<	A	P	E
DIRFT 3 Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal	Rail Freight Interchange	Rugby Radio Station Limited Partnership	Autumn 2010	<	A	P	E

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