

## **WHAT IS OGC GATEWAY?**

### **Derek Baker, OGC Director**

OGC was created as a result of the Gershon Review, Peter Gershon's report in 1999 made a number of recommendations, one of which was to set up what has become known as the Gateway Review Process.

### **Caroline Charlton, OGC Director – responsible for OGC Gateway**

The Public Sector was quite heavily criticised, over a series of particularly IT failures and so he suggested we take the best of private sector practice which was to have independent peer reviews at key decision points during the life of a project to assess whether or not that project was utilising all of the best practice guidance that was available and how it should move forward to be more successful.

### **Derek**

So what we were doing with the Gateway Process was introducing a more structured, a business-like approach.

### **Stephen Mitchell, OGC Director – responsible for OGC Gateway**

Gateway sits right in the midst of the business portfolio and is part of the process that challenges and helps to support a project at various stages of its life cycle.

### **Caroline**

We have Gate 0 which is designed for programs and is designed to be repeatable throughout the life of a program so from inception through to exit strategy. Gates 1-5 are geared towards more traditional procurement projects and they marry up the timescales for those gateways, marry up with key decision points, so when you have got a business justification, when you are determining your procurement strategy.

### **Stephen**

Become part of the vocabulary of all departments if you mention to any permanent secretary that Gateway is there to help him deliver his department objectives, he should agree with you.