BIC Metadata Map Project

Monthly update to the BIC Executive and Operational Boards

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Summary of Current Position:

The Project remains on track to deliver all phase 1 aspects of the project brief within the first year with approx. 75% of this phase completed to date although we have now reached a significant point in the development of the Map. The key area outstanding is what form the initial Map will take and what functionality and hosting requirements will be needed. Recent Steering Group meetings have therefore concentrated on these aspects considering most appropriate ways to represent the aggregated information from the initial survey and to ensure future updating capability requirements are met. We are also developing 'User stories' to try to scope the range of potential ways the Map is likely to be used.

The survey has now been completed by 18 organisations with one more additional submission received in December from Penguin Random House – their response was compiled from all systems and trading aspects of the merged organisation. We have the promise of two further potential respondents: Ingram - who have needed to consult with US colleagues before submitting - and Waterstones.

Thanks to all organisations who have committed time and resources to completing the survey so far.

Initial deliverables achieved to date:

- Launch at LBF and Key Documentation published on BIC Website
- Initial Question Set agreed and created in Survey tool (Formstack)
- Pioneer group members survey created and completed by 18 organisations
- Follow-up interviews with survey respondents to clarify answers where necessary
- Aggregation of all survey responses for review by Steering Group.

Next Steps:

- Complete all survey responses and Interviews with Pioneer group members
- Continued development of Map requirements document to detail all expected deliverables.
- Continue to research potential Map presentation ideas and hosting options including sustainability cost estimates.
- Establish comprehensive 'User Stories' documentation to inform discussions with potential developers of the Metadata map
- Agree 'headline' set of aggregated responses from survey for promotional use with BIC Membership.

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