



TIH Community – Terms of Reference

Introduction

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The *Travel Information Highway (TIH) Community** was formed to help members of the Traffic and Travel Information Industry to exchange data to enhance the information available to both operators and travellers.

The *TIH Executive* steers the information service development programme to support the Government's 10-year Plan for Transport. This programme is given form in the TIH Principles which sets out and promotes best practice in nine key areas, each of which is directed by the TIH Executive and supported by a dedicated Working Group.

The Working Groups, which are led by an expert in their field of inquiry, are charged with agreeing effective principles for an aspect of data exchange which can then be incorporated into the TIH Principles. The groups work from real-world approaches developed by practitioners and scrutinise them by peer review to make sure that all work is carefully targeted to the real needs of the *Travel Information Highway Community**.

To date, the TIH Executive and Community exist on a largely voluntary basis. To ensure long term stability and effectiveness, the TIH Executive have embarked upon a process that will formalise TIH activities in line with those of the Real Time Information Group (RTIG), the UTMC Development Group (UDG) and the Intelligent Transport Society for the United Kingdom (ITS UK).

To meet the current and future requirements of the TIH Community, and joint activities with RTIG, UDG and ITS UK, with effect from 1st April 2006, the Members of the TIH Community agree:

Terms of Reference:

- I. to adopt the TIH Principles which the TIH Community recognises as being most appropriate to support the widespread exchange of travel information;
- II. that all information exchange agreements should as a minimum, encompass the principles set out in the 'example' TIH model service level agreement;
- III. that only information services using the TIH Principles set by the TIH Executive Group and recognised by the Community as being those most appropriate to support the widespread exchange of travel information should formally be referred to as being 'TIH-compliant';
- IV. to contribute to the further development of the TIH Community and work together within the Community that is fundamental to the TIH achieving its objective;
- V. to promote and contribute where appropriate to the further development of TIH Principles, including emerging areas of interest;
- VI. that information service providers will ensure that their information service is correctly described in the catalogue of services on the TIH website, will maintain their service in

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accordance with description in the catalogue and will notify users of any changes to the service as described in the catalogue;

- VII. that this charter continues in existence until it is amended or terminated by agreement between the TIH Executive Group and the TIH Community.

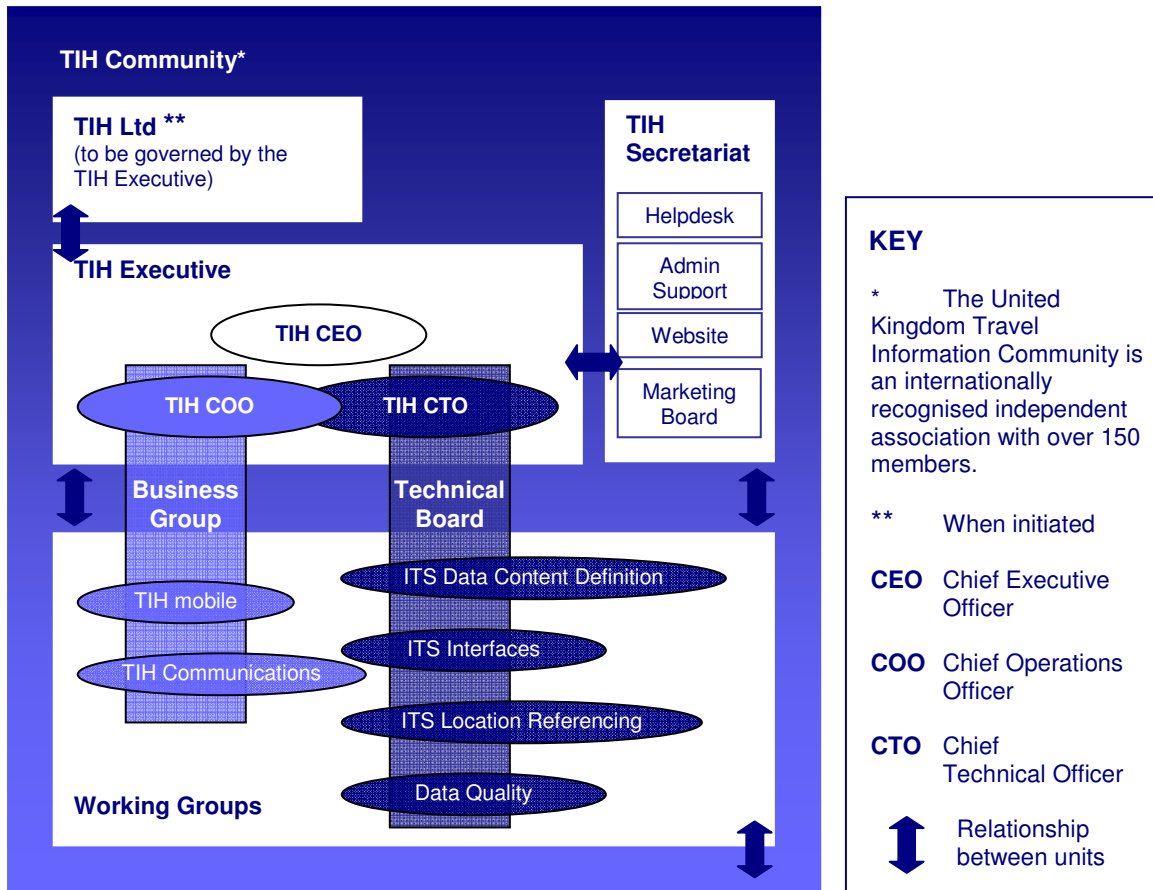


Figure i: TIH Organisational Structure

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