What matters?

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Since 2006 we have applied a process to gain a comprehensive and balanced understanding and prioritisation of the material responsible and sustainable business issues BT faces

Our approach is verified against the AA1000 Assurance Standard 2008

We do this to:

Understand the material issues affecting our business and reflect this in our **public reporting**

> Demonstrate our responsibilities appropriately take into account our stakeholders views

Influence **strategy** and drive action



Annual review

Insights are gathered during the year and formal analysis is carried out in December.

Aim is to:

- 1. Confirm material issues
- Identify issues that have increased in prominence in the last 12 months

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Customers, suppliers, investors, governments/regulators, media & peers & employees

Significance

Does BT have a policy, principles or procedures on this issue?

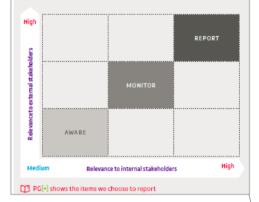
From business unit specific through to group-wide & public, also including existence of any KPIs

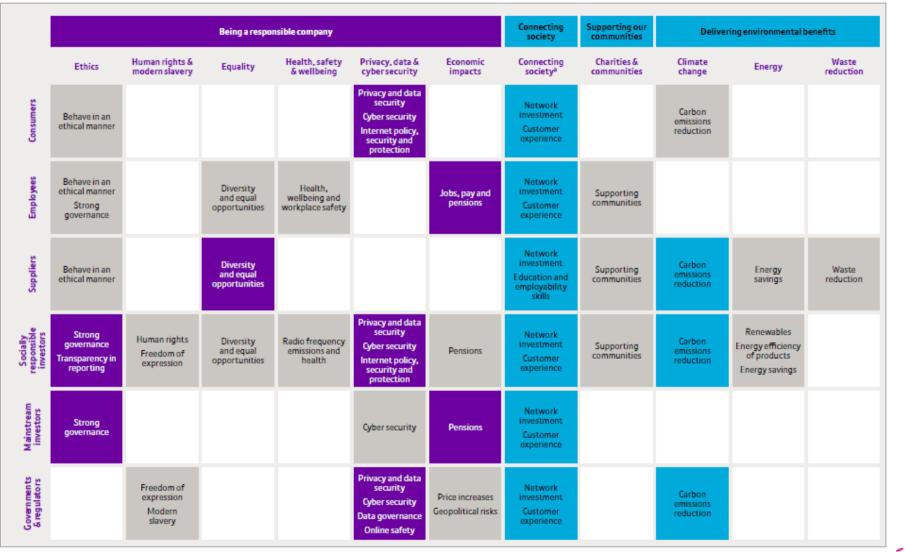
Is there a financial impact of more than £1m?

...and how big is the impact over 3 years?



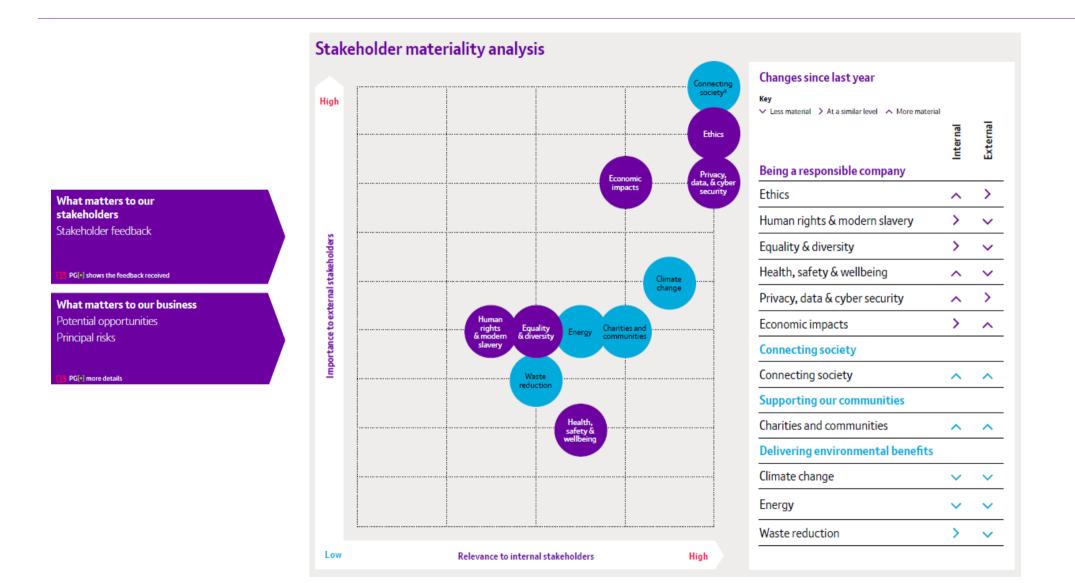
The issues are stakeholders tell us are most relevant







And then we map these by relevance and significance





UN Global Goals most at risk in UK for BT to help with are affordable & clean energy, decent work and economic growth, and life on land (smart agriculture).

Material issues on the increase over last 12 months

Universal Service:

Much more focus from government and regulators on universal coverage of broadband. The focus has shifted from delivering superfast broadband to most of the country, to delivering at least 10Mbps to all premises.

Privacy, Data Security and Freedom of expression **UK Investigatory Powers** Bill remains a priority

area of policy debate, Cyber security concerns heightened by hacking / breaches

Consumer protection:

Ethical supply chain practices: in particular human rights due diligence and transparency

expectations are rising with

investors & NGOs. Exposure

increases with EE acquisition.

The regulator is becoming increasingly concerned and active on the subject of consumer protections. E.g. internet safety

Circular Economy & e-waste:

Exposure increases with EE acquisition and is a rising area of NGO activism.

Material issues for Sports Industry

Fair leadership:

excessive pay of

base using sports

professionals as

exemplars

Corruption of officials and

professionals, Promoting

tolerance through the fan

equality, diversity and

Mega event man Environmental and supply chain social impacts from venues, transportation and operations

Grassroots movements: Inspire and educate for better health and fitness (tackling obesity) and skills

> Sponsorship of events: Media Broadcasting. Responsibility to above Independence and issues related to responsibility of content sponsored events and relating to these issues organisations

Material issues for Mobile Industry

Responsible marketing & selling:

Use of personal mobile device as a channel to market

> Product stewardship of devices: Recycled materials, waste in manufacturing (especially water), energy efficiency, take-back, obsolescence.

Supply Chain standards: Conflict minerals, human

Our Company Strategy (incl. Sport, TV, Mobile) as a lens of where to focus on these issues

> Inform strategy, priorities & plans

Radio frequency & health: Monitoring and funding of independent research. transparency of info & advice with consumers

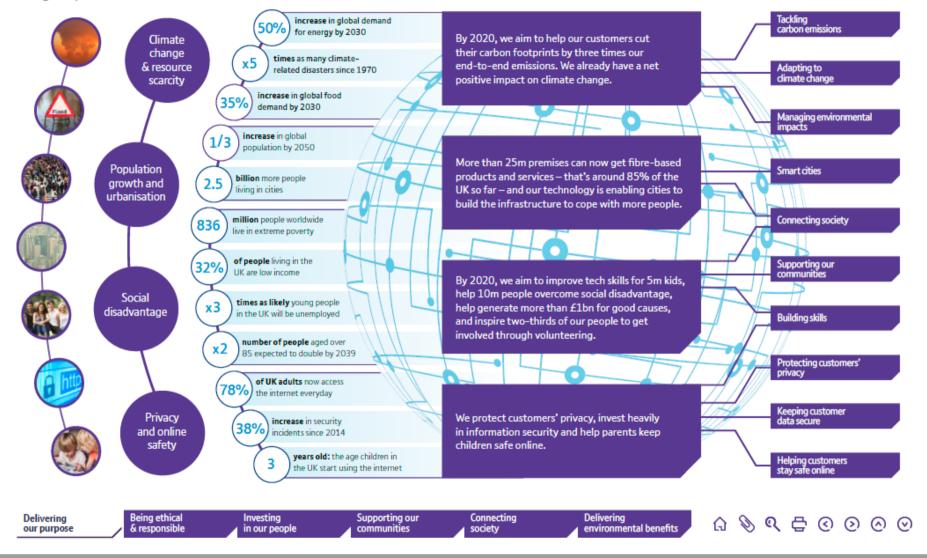
rights, living wage

Privacy & data security of

devices: Protection against hacking and cyber crime. Use of encryption. Wiping personal data at end of life.

Responding to global challenges

Using the power of communications to make a better world.



How well does materiality support:	Weak <> Strong
The understanding of and mitigation of risk	7/10
The development of strategy	6/10
Idea generation as part of innovation	4/10
The ability to form a proactive view, based on foresight	2/10
A relative view of impact and context	0/10
A multi-capital approach to establishing significance	2/10



