

This document is classified as **Clear** in accordance with the Panel Information Policy. Recipients can distribute this information to the world, there is no limit on disclosure. Information may be shared without restriction subject to copyright.

CTG Meeting 21

10:30 – 13:30, 11 November 2024

CTG_21_1111 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Previous Meeting's Minutes (For Decision) (**RED**)

The CTG reviewed the confidential and non-confidential minutes from the CTG 20 meeting and **APPROVED** them as final.

2. Actions Log Update (For Decision) (**RED**)

The CTG **NOTED** the actions log update and **AGREED** to close all actions marked as Propose to Close, except for action CTG 20/03 to allow the CTG to continue to monitor the DCC's work on 4G WAN coverage assurance related to potential lower signal strength areas.

3. DCC Update: 4G CH&N Programme (For Information) (**AMBER**)

Programme Update

The DCC presented an overview of the overall plan for CH&N Transition to 4G Communication Hubs (CHs) and provided updates on its programme risks and issues, noting an overall RAG status of Green. The DCC highlighted two additional dates for the Comms Hubs Asset Providers Final Business Case to be submitted in line with the Joint Industry Plan (JIP) Milestone of June 2025, and also clarified that work on coverage assurance was expected to conclude in April 2025.

LSC Update

The DCC noted that the SEC Panel had agreed to write to DESNZ in support of a go-live recommendation for the Live Services Criteria 1, notwithstanding ongoing work with coverage assurance, and SECAS confirmed the letter would be sent to DESNZ on 11 November 2024.

4G WAN Coverage Assurance

The DCC provided an update on ongoing work on 4G WAN Coverage Assurance and noted that the DCC are proposing to conduct a Cellular Assurance Project to provide options that will allow an increase in anticipated 4G WAN Coverage. The CTG expressed disappointment at the late timing of the proposed project and **REQUESTED** that the DCC return to CTG to clarify funding arrangements for the project, noting the preference for the DCC to incur any costs and not pass these on to Users.

ICHIS Approach for IPV

The DCC provided an update on the Intimate Communications Hubs Interface Specification (ICHIS) approach for Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) and confirmed that the predicted number of impacted meters is very low and therefore the risk level does not warrant implementing any mitigating measures for IPV. The DCC noted the new JIP Milestone for concluding work on RF Noise engagement is 7 February 2025.

Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) Working Group playback

The DCC presented an update ahead of IPV, which commences on 2nd December 2024, and highlighted that the DCC are focusing on ensuring on time deliveries support IPV Participants' preparation activities. The DCC expect deliveries should be completed by the end of the week commencing 11 November 2024. The DCC noted that they are expecting around 100 IPV CHs to be installed within the first week of IPV. The DCC also confirmed that incidents raised during IPV will be managed as part of the DCC's existing incident processes.

4G Comms Hub OBC and Charging Review

The DCC presented an update on the DCC's 4G charging methodology review ahead of mass rollout of 4G CHs and noted that the DCC have been working closely with the SEC modification Working Group, Change Sub-Committee, and Energy Suppliers on the proposed Charging Review Modification (MP275) and that Ofgem has granted MP275 urgent status and with current timeframes they will issue their decision ahead of 14 February 2025. The DCC separately noted that the DCC continues to engage with DESNZ on questions raised by the Department on the draft Outline Business Case on the impact of charges for customers.

The CTG **NOTED** these updates.

4. DCC Update: SMETS 1 End of Life (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC presented an update on SMETS1 End of Life (EoL) and highlighted the DCC's continued engagement with DESNZ and the options being explored to compress the timelines of the Outline Business Case submission. The CTG expressed dissatisfaction with the DCC's progress in returning to the CTG and addressing outstanding actions related to SMETS1 EoL, including the ask to provide an indicative timeline for Outline Business Case submission as well as existing asks related to the MNOs SMETS1 asset mapping and VMO2 in-bound roaming services.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

5. DCC Update: VMO2's 3G Sunsetting Trial Activity and Shutdown Plan and TMG Delivery (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC presented an update on the VMO2's 3G Sunsetting Trial Activity, which concluded in September 2024, and the VMO2's 3G shutdown plan and Traffic Management Gateway delivery. The DCC noted that it would return to CTG in February 2025 with further updates.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

6. Sub-Committee Chair Updates (For Information) (GREEN)

The CTG Chair noted an apology on behalf of the SSC/SMKI Chair and shared that the SSC had approved the LSC1 for 4G CH IPV subject to ongoing monitoring of security remediations. The OPSG and TABASC Chairs also noted that their respective committees had approved LSC1 and were focusing on the requirements for LSC2. The TAG Chair advised that UIT-A early access will likely commence on 13 November 2024, and that Test Participants will be able to raise any issues earlier during UIT-A, rather than at the end of the process.

The CTG **NOTED** the updates.

7. CTG Overall Transition Plan (OTP) Update (For Information) (AMBER)

The CTG Chair presented an updated draft Overall Transition Plan (OTP) v1.9 for baselining, following engagement with the DCC and SEGB. The CTG **APPROVED** the baselining of the OTP as v1.9 and further **AGREED** for the CTG Chair to include a reference in the baselined OTP to the "VMO2 withdrawal of in-bound 2G/3G roaming services" date, based on a member's suggestion and

Managed by

Page 2 of 3

non-objection by CTG. The CTG **AGREED** to baseline the unchanged Plan-On-A-Page as v1.9 to align with the OTP.

8. CTG Risks and Issues Register – monthly update (For Decision) (**RED**)

The CTG **NOTED** changes made to the CTG Risks and Issues Register and **AGREED** to the baselining of the Risk and Issues Register draft as v19.0.

9. Factsheets Update (**AMBER**)

SECAS presented an update on the Factsheets and a forward-look on upcoming changes. The CTG **NOTED** the changes made to the Amber and Green Factsheets to include reference to how 4G CHs will be identified and to reflect the SEC Panel's approval of the new Temporary CH Ordering & Delivery Rules and **AGREED** to the baselining of the Amber Factsheets as v4.4 and Green Factsheets as v2.4

10. 2025 Meeting Dates (**GREEN**)

SECAS presented the CTG with the proposed 2025 meeting dates, to occur on the third Monday of each month, and suggested moving the meeting start time to 13:00pm to avoid clashes with SCIRS. A Member advised that an Alt-HAN forum meets at the proposed changed time. The CTG **PROVISIONALLY APPROVED** the proposed 2025 Meeting Dates, with SECAS to return to CTG and provide an approach to address meeting clashes.

11. AOB (**GREEN**)

SECAS highlighted that the Code administrator code of practice (CACoP) Forum is conducting the CACoP [survey](#) to evaluate the performance of various Code Administrators, noting that the survey closes on 15 November 2024. The Head of Industry Operations encouraged CTG members to complete the survey to provide SECCo with performance measures compared to other codes.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

Next Meeting Date: 9 December 2024.