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CTG Meeting 22

10:30 – 13:30, 09 December 2024

CTG_22_0912 – 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 21 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, with the exception of one action.

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

Programme Update

The DCC presented an overview of the overall plan for the Communications Hub & Network (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 4G CH&N programme went live on 2 December 2024 with Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) and there have been no major causes for concern.

LSC2 Go-Live

The DCC indicated that the process is similar to LSC1, but there will be lighter documentation as consideration will be focussed on DCC Services and the outcome of IPV. LSC2 aims to ensure that there is no impact to consumers and services. LSC2 will be presented to appropriate Sub-Committees, in advance of a SEC Panel recommendation due on 25 March 2025 and a DESNZ decision on 7 April 2025.

4G WAN Coverage Assurance

The DCC provided an update on the scope of work for 4G coverage enhancement and DCC progress on developing a plan as requested by CTG. The DCC are considering critical items to close the coverage gap.

IPV Working Group playback

The DCC indicated that over 200 installs had been done in the first week of IPV and some of the customer journeys required for IPV exit criteria had been completed. The DCC will be providing weekly reporting to the IPV working group which will support the IPV exit report that feeds into LSC2, and we will look to provide progress summaries to CTG.

4G Comms Hub OBC and Charging Review

The DCC presented an update on the DCC's 4G charging methodology review ahead of the mass rollout of 4G CHs; this covered an update on MP275 including consideration at the recent SEC Mod

Working Group. The DCC also provided an update on the CH OBC submission and ongoing engagement with DESNZ and SEC Panel to close out the process. 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 DCC indicated that they intend to share a plan at CTG in January regarding detail of significant dates for SMETS1 EoL. DCC reiterated its commitment to provide the CTG requested reporting to DCC Users on assets mapped against Mobile Network Operators, and assets impacted by the VMO2 in-bound roaming shutdown. The CTG **NOTED** the update.

5. 4G Media Handling Activities (AMBER)

DESNZ noted that its position on 4G media handling remains unchanged, and they are coordinating with SEGB, DCC and Energy UK on reactive messaging. DESNZ are happy to share lines on 4G with any interested party. SEGB provided an update on ongoing bilaterals with Energy Suppliers. The CTG **NOTED** the update.

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

The SSC/SMKI Chair noted that the SSC have approved CH refurbishment use case and are waiting for the DCC to provide two documents. The OPSG Chair noted that they would be having an update at OPSG on future connectivity strategy. The TABASC Chair noted that the TABASC would be having a face-to-face meeting which would focus on the future DSP. The TAG Chair advised that there was no new relevant information, and that TAG was reviewing old testing issues from UIT. The CTG **NOTED** the updates.

7. 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 v21.0.

8. Factsheets Update (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS presented an update on the Factsheets and a forward-look of upcoming changes. The CTG **NOTED** the changes made to the Amber and Green Factsheets to provide further clarity on CH and ESME seals (as part of the CH swap out process). The CTG **AGREED** to the baselining of the Amber Factsheets as v4.5 and Green Factsheets as v2.5.

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

The CTG Chair indicated that she would be presenting an updated OTP for re-baselining in January.

10. AOB (GREEN)

The Chair indicated that DCC will be looking to come to CTG in January to provide an update on Future Connectivity North and there would also be an update to the CTG term of reference.

SECCo's Head of Industry Operations confirmed that CTG Chair responsibilities have been passed from Haz Elmamoun to Ashton Briggs, and thanked Haz and Mark Pitchford for their valuable support and contributions for CTG.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

Next Meeting Date: 20 January 2025.