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CTG Meeting 23

13:00 – 16:00, 20 January 2025

CTG_23_2001 – 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 22 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'.

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

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.

LSC2 Go-Live

The DCC provided an update on the Live Service Criteria 2 (LSC) Readiness and noted the DCC are investigating an incident that occurred within IPV to ensure this does not impact LSC2 approval timeframes. The OPSG Chair **REQUESTED** the DCC keep the Sub-Committee Chairs informed of any potential solutions to address the issue, noting the proximity of LSC2 go-live.

ICHIS Approach for IPV

The DCC provided an update on the Intimate Communications Hubs Interface Specification (ICHIS) approach and advised the DCC are on track to meet the Joint Industry Plan (JIP) milestone of 7 February 2025.

4G Cellular Coverage Enhancement

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, however noted that the DCC are still investigating technical solutions and could not yet provide information on costs or contractual aspects. The CTG Chair reiterated the importance of the DCC providing a plan to CTG with associated timeframes for providing information and **REQUESTED** the DCC provide an assessment of how Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) installations in no coverage areas impact any proposed solutions. The CTG further **REQUESTED** the DCC confirm if DCC Users (who fund DCC charges i.e. bill payers) can join the Coverage Assurance working group to provide a DCC User perspective on options / solutions DCC is considering in its 4G Cellular Coverage Enhancement project.

IPV Working Group playback

The DCC provided an update on Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) and indicated that 1708 installs had been completed to date. The DCC advised that it intends to review all IPV incidents in the IPV working group scheduled for 30 January 2025, however the CTG Chair confirmed the agreed proposal to bring this forward to the IPV working group on the 23 January 2025.

2G/3G to 4G CH Supply and Transition

The DCC provided an update on the 2G/3G to 4G transition readiness and noted the supply chain supports installs to mid-February 2026 to early March 2026. The DCC presented an update on the outstanding action to establish a fit for purpose 'bulk-returns' process to support mass deployment. The CTG **RAISED** concerns that the proposed process would be burdensome on suppliers from a cost and effort perspective as well noting the impact on Net Zero. The CTG and OPSG Chairs **SUGGESTED** the DCC's proposal to hold a workshop on the process will enable a resolution suitable for all parties.

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 and advised the DCC will present a final draft Outline Business Case to the CTG and SEC Panel in February 2025. The CTG **NOTED** these updates.

4. DCC Update: Long Range Radio Committed Term (RED)

The DCC presented an overview of the Future Connectivity Strategy with focus for CTG on the development of the Long Range Radio Committed Term draft business case. The CTG **NOTED** the development of the committed term business case should be supported by a holistic view of wider developments by including other potential DCC System changes and other relevant changes, especially in respect of connectivity related matters.

5. 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 February regarding detail of significant dates for SMETS1 EoL. The CTG **NOTED** the update.

6. 4G Media Handling Activities (AMBER)

SEGB provided an update on bilaterals with Energy Suppliers and **REQUESTED** any additional Energy Suppliers interested in meeting with SEGB get in touch. SEGB noted they would likely hold a workshop in February to discuss engagement in 2025. The CTG **NOTED** the update.

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

There were no updates provided by the Sub-Committee Chairs.

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 v22.0.

9. Factsheets Update (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS presented an update on the Factsheets and a forward-look of upcoming changes. The CTG **AGREED** to the baselining of the Amber Factsheets as v4.6 and Green Factsheets as v2.6.

10. 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 February or March.

11. AOB (GREEN)

DESNZ highlighted the publication of a '[consultation](#)' on changes to the SEC to provide for an option that would allow short-notice ordering of 2G/3G Communications Hubs', which was published on 17 January 2025.

The DCC provided an update on DCC'S Customer First Initiative and invited volunteers to sign up to the pilot program to help shape its development and provide feedback. The CTG requested the DCC circulate further information via email.

[Post-meeting note: SECAS circulated additional information to CTG Members on DCC's Customer First Initiative on 21 January 2025.]

The CTG **NOTED** the updates.

Next Meeting Date: 17 February 2025.