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CTG Meeting 24

13:00 – 16:00, 17 February 2025

CTG_24_1702 – 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 23 meeting and **APPROVED** them as final with minor amendments.

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

The CTG **NOTED** the actions log update and **AGREED** to close 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. The DCC highlighted the delay in meeting the Joint Industry Plan (JIP) Milestone for the conclusion of engagement on Radio Frequency Noise due to ongoing coverage enhancement work.

LSC2 Go-Live

The DCC provided an update on the Live Service Criteria 2 (LSC2) Readiness and noted the DCC were on track to submit the LSC2 Documentation to SEC Sub-Committees on 17 February 2025 for review, prior to the SEC Panel's consideration of the submission on 7 March 2025, with recommendation to DESNZ on 10 March.

IPV Working Group playback

The DCC provided an update on Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) and advised the DCC had met the minimum set of exit criteria for IPV completion after a derogation on the exit criteria was approved by the OPSG. The DCC advised they were on track to submit the IPV Exit Report to the OPSG on 17 February 2025 for consideration and approval at the OPSG meeting on 24 February 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 late February 2026 or early March 2026.

4G Comms Hub OBC and Charging Review

The DCC presented its updated minded to position on the 4G CH Funding Outline Business Case (OBC) and advised the DCC would submit the OBC for SEC Panel consideration and approval on 25 February 2025, with the aim to progress submission to DESNZ by the end of February. The DCC separately advised that Ofgem had approved MP275.

The CTG **NOTED** these updates.

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

The DCC presented an update on SMETS1 End of Life (EoL) and highlighted the DCC's continued engagement with DESNZ, and the options that are being explored. The DCC provided a timeline for OBC Submission and highlighted the aim for final submission to DESNZ by mid-2025. The CTG **NOTED** the update.

5. DCC Update: VMO2 3G Sunsetting (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC presented an update on the VMO2's 3G shutdown plan and Traffic Management Gateway delivery. The CTG **NOTED** the update.

6. Virtual WAN (For Information) (GREEN)

DESNZ presented an update on Virtual WAN arrangements for CTG awareness, noting that DESNZ are currently leading a project to implement VWAN as a new internet-based communications option for smart metering, for customers in No-WAN areas. DESNZ highlighted it had issued a further [consultation](#) on the VWAN associated policy framework, closing on 28 February 2025.

7. 4G Media Handling Activities (For Information) (GREEN)

No further update was provided on this item. DESNZ and SEGB expect to return to CTG with an update in the coming months.

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

The SSC/SMKI Chair and OPSG Chair provided the following updates. The SSC/SMKI Chair advised the security arrangements to allow triage and refurbishment of the 4G CHs are expected to be complete in March 2025. The OPSG Chair highlighted DCC's LSC2 Submission would be presented to OPSG on 24 February 2025 and OPSG would provide a recommendation to the SEC Panel ahead SEC Panel consideration on 7 March 2025.

9. 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 v23.0.

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

The CTG **NOTED** changes made to the OTP and **AGREED** to the baselining of the OTP draft as v1.10. The CTG Chair advised the current baselined POAP would be updated following the agreed changes to the OTP and would be presented to CTG in March for baselining.

11. AOB (GREEN)

The DCC invited CTG Members to attend the DCC's 2025/26 Business & Development Plan Workshop to be held on 5 March 2025. The DCC asked CTG Members to contact DCC via customerengagement@smartdcc.co.uk if they would like to attend.

SECAS advised the annual review of the CTG Terms of Reference (ToR) had commenced and an updated draft ToR would be presented to the CTG for agreement in March 2025, prior to being presented to the SEC Panel for approval. SECAS further noted that CTG Membership elections would take place in conjunction with the ToR review.

The CTG **NOTED** the updates.

Next Meeting Date: 17 March 2025.