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CTG Meeting 26

13:00 – 16:00, 14 April 2025

CTG_26_1404 – 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 25 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: Long-Range Radio: Committed Term (For Decision) (**RED**)

The DCC presented an update on Long-Range Radio (LLR) Committed Term and sought feedback from CTG Members on the DCC's identified Problem Statement, Scope Statement and Business Needs. The CTG **DID NOT ENDORSE** the Problem Statement, Scope Statement and Business Needs and **REQUESTED** the DCC return to the CTG with amendments based on CTG Members feedback.

The CTG further **REQUESTED** the DCC return to the CTG with a comprehensive long-list for LRR service continuity and present the CTG with a **CLEAR** Plan on a Page (POAP) for LLR Committed Term that could be shared with their respective businesses.

4. DCC Update: Future Connectivity North (For Information) (**AMBER**)

The DCC presented an update on Future Connectivity North (FCN) and advised that it will proceed with the DCC's preferred option as outlined in the FCN Outline Business Case (OBC) that was supported by SEC Panel in September 2024. The DCC advised that the Final Business Case (FBC) was submitted to DESNZ in February 2025 and received a non-objection in March 2025.

The DCC noted the [FCN consultation on the regulatory changes](#) to allow 4G in the North was issued on 31 March 2025, with a closing date of 09 May 2025.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

5. DCC Update: SMETS1 IOC/FOC Business Case Update (For Information) (**GREEN**)

The DCC presented an update on SMETS1 IOC/FOC and shared the outcome of a closed group discussion between Panel and CTG Members that took place on 24 March 2025, where members reviewed the DCC's draft FBC and preferred option under NDA conditions.

The DCC highlighted that the preferred option received support from SEC Panel on 25 March 2025 and TABASC on 3 April 2025, and advised the DCC would seek non-objection from DESNZ on the FBC in May 2025.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

6. DCC Update: 4G CH&N (For Information) (AMBER)

Programme Update

The DCC presented an update on the Communications Hub & Network (CH&N) Transition to 4G Communication Hubs (CHs) programme, noting an overall RAG status of Green.

Mass Deployment Working Group Update

The DCC presented an update on the former Initial Pallet Validation Working Group, now called the Mass Deployment Working Group, and outlined the progress of the deployment and performance of Communication Hubs (CH) across Central and South Regions. The CTG **REQUESTED** the DCC also include relevant updates on 4G installation activity in the Northern Region when reporting on Mass Deployment.

Communication Hub Supply Chain Transition Update

The DCC provided an update on the 2G/3G to 4G transition readiness and noted the supply chain supports installs to late February 2026. The DCC highlighted that it was seeking to understand DCC User demand to order 4G CHs to support DESNZ's proposed extension of the DCC's 4G services to the North.

The DCC noted the success of the recent Bulk Returns Workshop, outlining the significant and useful feedback that was filtered through to the DCC as a result of the workshop.

The CTG **NOTED** the updates.

7. DCC Update: VM02 3G Sunsetting (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC provided an update on VMO2's 3G shutdown plan and Traffic Management Gateway (TMG) delivery. The CTG **REQUESTED** the OPSG Chair and the DCC consider building a Go-Live criteria for the TMG delivery, noting issues had occurred during the TMG pilot.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

8. DESNZ Update & SEGB (For Information) (CLEAR)

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

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 v25.0

10. AOB (GREEN)

SECAS provided an update on the CTG election and congratulated the newly appointed Members of Small Supplier and Large Supplier seats. SECAS advised that it received three nominations for two Other SEC Parties (OSPs) seats, and an invitation to vote would be issued to OSPs on 15 April 2025 with voting closing on Tuesday 29 April. The CTG **NOTED** the update.

Next Meeting Date: 19 May 2025.