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CTG Meeting 27

13:00 – 16:00, 19 May 2025

CTG_27_1905 – 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 26 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 Update (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 Manufacturing Deployment Group

The DCC provided an update on the Mass Deployment Working Group, including the performance of 4G CHs noting that overall performance was positive. The CTG **REQUESTED** that the DCC provide an update to TIRG & the Mass Deployment Working Group on the SMETS2 CH swap outs that involved use of the specific TCSO process as a proportion of total swap outs.

The CTG **REQUESTED** that the DCC confirm to OPSG greater clarity on 4G connectivity to identify the current average birthing time for 4G CHs and how that compares to 2G/3G CHs and LRR CHs

2G/3G to 4G Supply Transition Bulk Returns

The DCC provided an update on VMO2 and 4G supply chains, noting the overall RAG Status of Green.

The DCC provided an update of CH Supply Chain Transition, noting that the Returns Workshop held on 1 April had provided helpful input into developing the bulk returns process.

The DCC provided an update on the pre-notification process for CHs to activate the SIM Card.

The CTG **NOTED** the updates.

4. DCC Update: 4G Coverage Including ICHIS Update (For Information) (**AMBER**)

4G Coverage Update

The DCC provided an update on the progress that it was making to ensure that the 4G Network provides sufficient coverage to meet its obligations. The DCC provided an update on VMO2 and 4G supply chains, noting the overall RAG Status of Green.

ICHIS Update

The DCC presented an update on the testing that has been undertaken on Radio Frequency noise limits noting that it was of the view that there was a very low risk of impact on WAN performance, but that it would continue to monitor performance.

The CTG **NOTED** the updates.

5. DCC Update: Long-Range Radio Committed Term (For Information) (AMBER)

The DCC presented an update on LRR Committed Term, noting that the DCC is proposing a LRR Customer Working Group (LRR CWG), comprised of representatives of TABASC, OPSG and the CTG members. The group will meet for the first time on Thursday 22 May and updates will be shared at future CTG meetings.

The DCC also shared its plan to publish an LRR Request for Information (RFI) in May 2025 to assist energy suppliers planned future installations of LRR communication hubs alongside an engagement timeline until August 2025.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

6. DCC Update: SMETS1 IOC/FOC (For Information) (RED)

The DCC provided an update on SMETS1 IOC/FOC contract negotiations and business case progress, noting the submission of the DCC's FBC to DESNZ is targeted for the end May 2025.

The DCC provided an update on the VMO2 Roaming Shutdown and updated the CTG on April's VMO2 testing results. The CTG **REQUESTED** the DCC engage with and share Meter Asset Providers (MAPs) data relating to VMO2 2G/3G inbound roaming withdrawal.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

7. DCC Update: VMO2 3G Sunsetting Progress Update (For Information) (RED)

The DCC provided an update on VMO2 3G Sunsetting, planned trials and pilots, noting the ongoing work by the DCC across TABASC and OPSG. The DCC shared a confidential 2025 3G switch off schedule outlining the intended shutdown timeline.

The CTG **NOTED** the update.

8. Factsheet Update (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS presented an update on the Amber Factsheet and the CTG **AGREED** to the baselining of the Amber Factsheets as v4.8. The CTG **REQUESTED** that SECAS consider additional changes to the factsheets related to contracts in a future version.

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 v26.0

9. AOB (GREEN)

SECAS noted that the annual SEC Party Engagement Day would take place on 1 July 2025.

The DCC noted it has completed the first phase of the survey for the Customer First project and outlined key themes.

The CTG **NOTED** the update. **Next Meeting Date: 16 June 2025.**