

Update on the outputs of the DCG Subgroups

This memo seeks to update the DCG on the outputs of the subgroups and proposes further activity for the subgroups up to the end of Phase 1A.

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1.1. Three subgroups were established under the auspices of the Data and Communications Expert Group (DCG). Each subgroup was allocated a number of tasks to assist the DCG in providing advice to the Programme team on the key issues relating to the establishment of the DCC and arrangements relating to the interim period prior to the establishment of the DCC.

1.2. Phase 1A of the programme was established to undertake more extensive evaluation of the proposals set out in the Prospectus. This Phase of the programme will end when the Government published its responds to the Prospectus early in the New Year.

1.3. The table below sets out the outputs of the subgroups to date.

Table 1: **Outputs of the DCG Subgroups**

Subgroup	Outputs
Subgroup 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced a number of options for the DCC scope and services. • Developed a number of scenarios that represent the range of options for the service and functional requirements of the WAN. • Produced and issued 2 Information Request relating to the DCC scope and the WAN service requirements.
Subgroup 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced a number of options for facilitating the maintenance of commercial interoperability and the Change of Supplier process during the pre-DCC Go-live phase. • Produced and issued an Information Requests relating to what may be needed for commercial interoperability in the domestic and smaller non domestic sector.
Subgroup 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced and assessed options for roles and responsibilities for smart metering equipment at the consumer premises. • Assessed options of respect to key aspects of the establishment and operation of DCC including incentive mechanisms, funding and performance indicators. • Critique of a proposal for a Smart Energy Code including its governance and proposed contents

1.4. Given the outputs achieved to date it is proposed that further analysis could be undertaken on a number of issues. The subgroups will continue to assess and evaluate the proposals set out in the Prospectus. The proposed activities of the subgroups are set out in the table below.

Table 2: **Proposed future activity of the DCG Subgroups**

Subgroup	Issue	Activity
1	DCC Functional requirements	Analyse the functional requirements for DCC's systems, and the interfaces between the DCC systems and those of other industry parties
2	Commercial interoperability	Analyse the options for addressing the commercial interoperability concerns arising from each of the approach to implementation
3	Content of the SEC	Critique of the boiler plate elements of a Smart Energy Code
	Catalogue of proposed changes to existing regulatory instruments and voluntary agreements where appropriate	Identify and assess the proposed changes to the existing regulatory instruments and voluntary agreements where appropriate.

1.5. The revised term of reference for each of the subgroups will be presented to the DCG on 21 December for approval.