

MHHS Programme Steering Group (PSG) Headline Report

Issue date: 15/05/2023

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| Meeting Number | PSG020.1 | Venue | Virtual – MS Teams |
| Date and Time | 12 May 2023 09:00-09:45 | Classification | Public |

New Actions

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Decisions

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| CR022 Recommendation and Decision | PSG-DEC48 | The SRO recommends that Ofgem approve changes to the Level 1 Programme milestones as set out in Programme Change Request 022 (MHHS Programme Replan) |
| | PSG-DEC49 | The SRO conditionally approves Programme Change Request 022 (MHHS Programme Replan), subject to Ofgem's approval of changes to the Level 1 Programme Milestones and re-baselining of the Programme Plan at the 08 June 2023 PSG meeting |

Key Discussion Items

| Area | Discussion |
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| CR022 Impact Assessment | <p>The Programme provided metrics and an overview of the top ten general themes from Programme Participants' (PPs') responses to the Impact Assessment (IA) on Programme Change Request (CR) 022 (<i>MHHS Programme Replan</i>), details of which can be found within the meeting papers.</p> <p>The Programme highlighted that over 92% of responses agreed with the overall recommendation to accept CR022.</p> <p>The Large Supplier Representative stated design stability was a key concern for their constituents and asked what actions could be taken regarding uncertainty over tranche allocation during the Qualification phase. The Programme advised a solution will be found through bilateral discussions and careful consideration is required in conjunction with Code Bodies to ensure a fair outcome.</p> <p>A summary of CR022 benefits and concerns was provided per the meeting slides. The Programme highlighted support for reverse migration and phased implementation, and concerns expressed by IA respondents over the deadline of 23 May 2023 for participant confirmation of participation in SIT. The Programme advised they are seeking to work with parties who wish to participate in SIT but have concerns over meeting the deadline and encourage parties to request a bilateral discussion.</p> |

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| Key Changes | <p>The Programme presented changes to overall risk themes and an overview of non-material changes to the proposed Programme Plan following the CR022 IA, details of which can be found within the meeting papers.</p> <p>The PSG were advised the re-baselined Programme Plan will be presented to the PSG on 08 June 2023 for re-baselining.</p> |
| IPA Report | <p>The IPA provided an overview of the embedded assurance activities undertaken throughout the replan process and during progression of CR022, full details of which are available in the meeting papers. The overall recommendation from the IPA is that the Programme Plan should be baselined now, and CR022 approved. The IPA advised a thorough process has been followed, there has been adequate consultation with and input from PPs, there is a good level of detail within the plan, and extant risks are manageable. Fundamentally, the risk of progressing without a plan outweighs the risk of approving the plan.</p> |
| CR022 Recommendation and Decision | <p>The Chair summarised the recommendation and decision required, advising that, in their capacity as the Programme’s Senior Responsible Officer (SRO), they were minded to recommend approval of changes to the Level 1 Programme milestones to Ofgem and to approve CR022. The Chair explained this position was based on the majority of CR022 IA respondents agreeing with the recommendation to approve CR022, and the IPA’s recommendation the revised Programme Plan should be baselined.</p> <p>The Chair invited any objections from PSG members. The RECCo Representative questioned the approval of CR022 given minor changes will be made to the plan ahead of baselining at the June PSG. The Programme advised the changes to be made were minor and low-level and approval of CR022 was required to support Ofgem’s decision on changes to the Level 1 milestones. The Programme added that CR022 covers matters beyond the re-baselining of the plan, and approval secures other elements which support the plan. As such, the Programme have sought to end-point CR022 alongside the recommendation to Ofgem, with the revised plan being formally baselined at the June PSG. The Chair agreed to denote the decision on CR022 as conditional approval, subject to Ofgem’s decision on changes to the milestones and the re-baselining of the plan in June.</p> <p>Ofgem noted the potential for minor changes to the plan, ahead of the June PSG and indicated that whilst the plan would not be re-baselined until June, CR022 was capable of approval now.</p> <p>The DNO Representative agreed a re-baselined plan was needed and whilst minor changes may still be required, participant responses expressing concerns over timelines supports conditional approval of CR022 now. The representative stated the overall package within CR022 was acceptable, but wished to ensure there were no unexpected impacts on parties arising from any minor changes. The Programme advised the changes to the plan would not materially impact CR022.</p> <p>The iDNO Representative considered the decision on CR022 was required to enable the recommendation to Ofgem to change the Level 1 milestone dates, and agreed the PSG could approve the CR and the proposed plan therein, with the final baselining taking place in June.</p> <p>The IPA advised there were no concerns over conditional approval of CR022.</p> <p>The Chair decided to recommend that Ofgem approval changes to the Level 1 milestones (DECISION PSG-DEC48) and conditionally approved CR022 subject to Ofgem’s decision and re-baselining of the plan at the June PSG (DECISION PSG-DEC49).</p> |
| Summary and Next Steps | <p>The Programme has requested Ofgem’s decision on changes to the Level 1 milestones be provided on or before 08 June 2023, and, following confirmation of the re-baselining of the Programme Plan at the June PSG, this will complete the conditional approval of CR022. The Chair noted the approval of CR022 now provides a degree of certainty to which PPs can work toward ahead of the re-baselining.</p> |

Next meeting: 08 June 2023 1pm