

MHHS Programme Steering Group (PSG) Headline Report

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New / Outstanding Actions

Area	Ref	Action	Owner	Due
Minutes and Actions	PSG28-01	Elexon to provide detailed update on the progression of the Settlement Analysis Scoping Working Group (SASWG) outputs	Elexon (John Abbott)	07/02/2024
Delivery Dashboards	PSG28-02	Programme to provide update on SIT Functional risks, including overview of deep dive sessions held with the IPA	Programme (Keith Clark)	07/02/2024
Previous Meeting(s)	PSG27-04	Programme to provide information to the Large Supplier Representative on how headline reports will be managed, to enable this to be provided to constituents	Programme (Fraser Mathieson)	07/02/2024
	PSG24-01	Elexon and RECCo to provide transparency around qualification testing dates, assumptions on equivalence from SIT, and understanding of testing which may be required in addition to SIT-based evidence requirements. In addition, Elexon and RECCo to ensure the clarifications are raised to the Qualification and E2E Sandboxing Working Group (QWG) and current plan dates are published.	Elexon (Victoria Moxham) & RECCo (Jonny Moore)	Ongoing
	PSG24-02	Elexon to discuss development of the Qualification Assessment Document (QAD) and Qualification Approach and Plan document with the IPA	Elexon (Victoria Moxham)	Ongoing
	PSG21-05	Programme to discuss with IPA the potential inclusion of IPA test assurance activities alongside programme plan information, to assist participants' view of effort requirements.	Programme and IPA	Q1 2024
	PSG18-05	Progress the assurance process for LDSOs for the accuracy of data for DUoS billing.	IPA	07/02/2024
	PSG17-05	Review the post-implementation approach to Benefits Realisation and how Benefits Realisation will be handed over to Ofgem at M16. Jason to set up meeting with Ofgem and IPA to progress from CP2 findings.	Programme (Jason Brogden)	07/02/2024

Decisions

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Minutes and Actions	PSG-DEC65	The PSG approved the headline report of the PSG meeting held 06 December 2023 with no amendments.

Key Discussion Items

Area	Discussion
Minutes and Actions	<p>The headline report and minutes of the last meeting were approved with no amendments (DECISION PSG-DEC65).</p> <p>Action wording and updates can be found within the meeting papers and discussion points are summarised below:</p> <p>PSG24-02: The Elexon Representative advised updates on the development of the Qualification Assessment Document (QAD) and Qualification Approach and Plan document are provided under agenda item 4. See meeting papers for further information. Action ongoing.</p> <p>PSG25-01: Regarding the next steps on the outputs of the Settlement Analysis Scoping Working Group (SASWG) / Programme Change Request (CR) 013 (<u>Determining scope of Examination of Settlement Impacts resulting from MHHS Programme</u>), the Elexon Representative advised a position paper will be issued in due course, after which it was likely a BSC issues group would be held. The representative noted commercial implications must be assessed and a view of data testing and modelling was also required. The I&C Supplier Representative considered potential risks to settlement may arise when migration commences and they wished to ensure unpredictable swings in allocation and forecasting do not occur by virtue of the move from 'smooth' profiles to half hourly allocation. There is a risk National Grid may need to undertake short term capacity purchases as Suppliers become used to new profiles and this must be examined using real data to avoid potentially significant issues when consumers are aggregated in their millions. The DNO Representative note this was also relevant to ACTION PSG18-05 regarding the assurance process for Licenced Distribution Service Operators (LDSOs) around the accuracy of Distribution Use of System (DUoS) billing. Action closed and replaced with new action (ACTION PSG28-01).</p> <p>PSG27-05: Regarding the criteria for assessing the criticality of CRs in relation to the MHHS change freeze, the Programme advised instances where CRs will be permitted to progress despite the change freeze include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolving defects within the MHHS Design (i.e. the design will not work unless change made) • Resolving issues which may affect the ability of all participants, or a single class of participants, from meeting M10 (central systems ready for migrating MPANs) • Where Ofgem direct the change is required <p>New CRs will be required to include information on which of these criteria are met and will continue to be issued to Impact Assessment to ensure industry views are obtained on the criticality of changes and whether implementation should be deferred until after M10 if the change is not essential. The criteria will primarily be applied at MHHS Advisory Groups when decisions are due on the approval of new CRs. The Programme Change Board will validate new CRs to ensure criticality information is provided, and any such information will be used to inform the justification for whether a CR proceeds to approval/implementation despite the change freeze. Action updated to closed.</p>
Sponsor Update	<p>Ofgem provided updates, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentive approach to M14 – Ofgem wish to ensure the Programme continues to stay on track to the baselined Programme plan. Ofgem have produced initial proposals for incentives which could be applied and will present these at relevant Programme governance groups. Noted there is already a BSC obligation setting out incentives which may be applied to Suppliers if qualification is not complete by M14 (All suppliers must

	<p>be able to access MPANs under the new TOM). Ofgem is working with RECCo and BSCCo to consider the mechanisms which could give effect to this obligation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration incentives – Ofgem noted this is a more complicated area of consideration and input is required from industry on what reasonable backstop incentives could be in place to ensure participants deliver and do not adversely impact overall delivery. Ofgem will seek to engage with participants on this via relevant Programme governance groups. • Discussions with DESNZ – Initial discussions with DESNZ are underway to consider the construction of the retail market once MHHS is live and how benefits may be realised, including new products and services which may be introduced. The Chair noted benefits realisation is not within scope of the Programme and asked how Ofgem may approach the development of understanding on this (e.g. by contacting participants directly to discuss). Ofgem noted this was under consideration, but there is appetite to begin to understand this now and how factors such as customer opt-out could affect the realisation of benefits. The Consumer Representative asked whether such considerations would include engagement with wider stakeholders (e.g. Citizens Advice), to which Ofgem replied it would and whilst considerations are at initial stages they would welcome connecting with wider stakeholders. <p>The Chair noted interest from Government was positive and there is a desire from the Programme to push such interest and push the deployment of capability which can maximise the benefits of MHHS. The Chair stated the Programme understand the need to provide comfort progress is on track to support the consideration of benefits.</p>
<p>Qualification Testing Updates</p>	<p>Non-SIT Supplier and Agent Qualification Testing Update</p> <p>Elexon provided updates on Supplier and Agent Qualification Testing (QT) per the meeting slides. Work is ongoing to develop the QT process and updates will be provided the MHHS Qualification and E2E Sandboxing Working Group (QWG). The Qualification Assessment Document (QAD) is on track for publication at the end of January 2024, with example formats to be presented at the January QWG and the full quite to be reviewed at the February QWG. Test scenarios are also in development and targeted for formal release by the end of March 2024, but with batched release to occur as and when scenarios are ready. The Supplier Agent (Independent) believed some test scenarios would be required for SIT participants and asked for clarity. Elexon advised the Qualification Approach and Plan (QA&P) will contain information relevant to SIT parties and the QAD is relevant for both SIT and non-SIT parties. The Pre-Qualification Submission Template will be for non-SIT parties only, and replicates aspects of Placing Reliance.</p> <p>Non-SIT LDSO Qualification Testing Update</p> <p>The Programme provided updates per the meeting slides. The DNO Representative stated they require sight of the test scenarios and test cases. The Programme advised these are under development and a high-level view will be provided at the January QWG. Sessions will then be scheduled with LDSOs to seek feedback. The Programme will then support LDSOs to understand what their QT requirements are and how this interacts with Placing Reliance. The review sessions will be held towards the end of January 2024 and the Programme will then work with LDSOs to confirm their individual test schedules.</p> <p>The I&C Supplier Representative highlighted discussion at the Fast Track Implementation Group (FTIG) around concern over the validity of the current assumption that Unmetered Supplies (UMS) qualification will be segmented and sought reassurance. The Chair noted a paper is due to be presented to the Elexon Performance Assurance Board (PAB) in January 2024 which will confirm that if a participant does not intent to provide UMS services they will not be expected to test or qualify for these. The Medium Supplier Representative echoed the view of the I&C representative and welcome the prospective validation of the current assumption by the end of January.</p>
<p>Programme Reporting</p>	<p>The Programme provided updates on progress for the commencement of SIT Functional (SIT F). It was noted there are participant artefact submissions outstanding which is increasing risk. The Programme noted that whilst all parties do not need to be ready for SIT F Cycle 1 commencement there must be a minimum viable cohort (MVC). The Programme are tracking this carefully with updates on the number of outstanding participants submissions</p>

	<p>being provided to the FTIG within the week defect report. The Programme are engaging closely with participants and are working with the IPA to review risks and ensure robust mitigations to support the pathway to SIT F commencement. Updates will be provided at the next PSG.</p> <p>The Programme provided updates on CIT progress, noting this area of testing is focussed on ensuring participants can send and receive messages to/from the Data Integration Platform (DIP). Sufficient completion of CIT by participants is required to enable the MVC for SIT F. SIT F commencement is tracking amber currently but the Programme have seen that once participants complete boarding and smoke testing, test execution is proceeding quickly. Progress in CIT Intervals 1-4 is providing increasing confidence, with the majority of participant generated Interface (IF) tests now complete (c.92%). CIT Interval 5 will bring Suppliers into test execution, and the Programme are actively supporting participants alongside the DIP Provider to manage onboarding and smoke testing for this interval. Weekly updates and obstacle unblocking is being undertaken via the FTIG. Participants are required to target CIT completion by 09 February 2024.</p> <p>The Medium Supplier Representative stated the additional context on defects and the progress of unblocking actions provided by the Programme was providing increasing confidence and comfort.</p>
<p>Delivery Dashboards</p>	<p>Monthly Delivery Report (Helix)</p> <p>The new Elexon Helix Representative introduced themselves and provided updates on SIT preparation in terms of core system delivery. The representative welcomed discussions on a change freeze and advised that whilst CIT is taking longer than planned, learnings are being obtained which will improve performance for SIT F. Elexon Helix are also considering go-live preparations and the end-to-end testing of settlement processes ahead of transition.</p> <p>IPA Monthly Assurance Dashboard</p> <p>The IPA highlighted activities to review QT planning artefacts and the provision of recommendations to the Programme and Elexon. The IPA also highlighted a recent review session held with Programme on risks to SIT F and the Programme advised an overview of this session and its outcomes would be provided to the February 2024 PSG with the aim of providing confidence risks are being managed (ACTION PSG28-02).</p>
<p>Summary and Next Steps</p>	<p>The Programme provided an update on nominations received for the new Level 3 governance groups which will replace the Testing and Migration Advisory Group (TMAG), advising that several constituency seats remain vacant. Targeted communications will be issued by the Programme to individual constituencies and PSG members were asked to highlight the importance of ensuring sufficient representation at decision making groups to their constituents.</p>

Dates of next meeting: 07 February 2024 at 10:00am

Attendees

Chair

Helen Adey (Chair)

MHHS SRO

Apologies

None

Industry Representatives

Andrew Campbell

Small Supplier Representative

Caroline Farquhar

Consumer Representative

Chris Price

DNO Representative

Elaine Eyles

Medium Supplier Representative

Gareth Evans

I&C Supplier Representative

Graham Wood

Large Supplier Representative

Jenny Rawlinson

IDNO Representative

James Murphy (on behalf of Joel Stark)

Supplier Agent Representative (Independent)

John Abbott

Elexon Representative (Central Systems Provider)

Jonny Moore (on behalf of Jonathon Hawkins)

RECCo Representative

Keren Kelly

National Grid ESO

Nital Hooper

DCC Representative (Central Systems Provider)

Paul Akrill

Supplier Agent Representative

MHHS IM

Adrian Page

SI Lead

Andrew Margan

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Chris Harden

Programme Director

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Fraser Mathieson

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Giles Claydon

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Jason Brogden

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Other Attendees

Andy MacFaul

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