

ReMCoWG Update from Extraordinary ReMCoSG 6th June 2013

Review of matters arising from ReMCoWG

A O Connor provided an update from the ReMCoWG which included a summary of the questions raised by Suppliers. Concerns expressed related to:

- Continued support for the interim period for BusinessConnect – this is to be covered by escalated support provided by Capita
- Limited detail on the requirements of Supplier resources and on activities involved
- The Business impact of continuing with manual Debt Flagging particularly if thresholds reduced
- The length of the delay - 12mths was seen as long and it was questioned whether it could be reduced
- Limiting the content of the release to what was agreed for 2013 – suppliers sought more content and a reprioritisation exercise to be facilitated.

In principle all appeared to agree that a stable solution was a priority but were asked to provide formal feedback for ReMCoSG. Formal feedback from 6 MPs was circulated prior to the meeting. A O Connor advised that the feedback reflected the questions raised at the meeting. There is agreement that stability and performance of the Market Systems is a priority and reluctant support to the delay of the October 2013 Release. Including further changes in the release given a 12mth delay is important for 4 of the 6 MPs who provided feedback. Greater detail including timelines for Supplier involvement is also critical for MPs and one Supplier advised that they could not commit to the plan provided by the Network Operators (NOs) until further detail is provided and this also applied to the dates for the potential 2014 Release.

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S mac an Bhaird asked about the possibility of increasing the release content. C O Connor advised that all best efforts will be made to keep to the workplan timelines however this is a risk so that including additional changes in the release cannot be guaranteed. The Regulators advised that an increase in the release content needs to be included in the plan for the release and it was agreed that a Prioritisation Exercise and Evaluation of changes would be carried out on the basis that there will be more included with the agreed 2 MCRs. P Mallon said that some 'desktop' work could be carried out e.g. functional specifications but the challenge would be the availability of the technical environments.

S mac an Bhaird asked whether, since the ReMCoWG, additional information on the work plan and necessary resources were circulated. The NOs highlighted that this was a work in progress. C Mannion asked about the details of the plan as requested by Suppliers. P Mallon said that there is not a large block of work for Suppliers until the cut-over in December. C O Connor advised that there is a meeting next week with Capita, provided formal approval of the release deferral is given, to work on the detail of the plan so it is expected that more information on resource requirements can be provided to Suppliers. N Wray advised that work is currently on archiving and will continue until the end of June when it needs to be completed but the NOs are relying on Suppliers to ensure this is being progressed. C Mannion asked for an update on progress and asked what can be done to ensure that it will be complete on time. The NOs highlighted that 3 Suppliers had completed the necessary work but in some cases work had yet to be begun. A reminder from ReMCoDS regarding these work requirements is to issue on 07/06/13. The Regulators asked the NOs to write to them advising of the status and those who have not made contact and the consequences if archiving is not complete in terms of risk to the market. There will be a joint regulatory follow-up once received. The Regulators asked for weekly updates on the archiving progress and any issues.

Regulators formally agreed to the joint NIE/ESBN Recommendations as the stability and

performance of the Market is a priority, and to a postponement of the 2013 Release.

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C O Connor asked the Regulators if there was any update on the request for a Programme Manager. The Job Title has been changed to Quality & Standards Manager and is urgently required given the complexity of the co-ordinated market interactions. The expected term of the position is until the completion of the Schema Release in 2014. F Hannon said that Suppliers support having this independent person in position to ensure that all plans are integrated and milestones met. The Regulators advised that they would need to agree the need, the cost and determine cost recovery arrangements but agreed that the NOs should proceed with sourcing availability and cost of a Quality & Standards Manager.