

Agent Workgroup – Workgroup progress update

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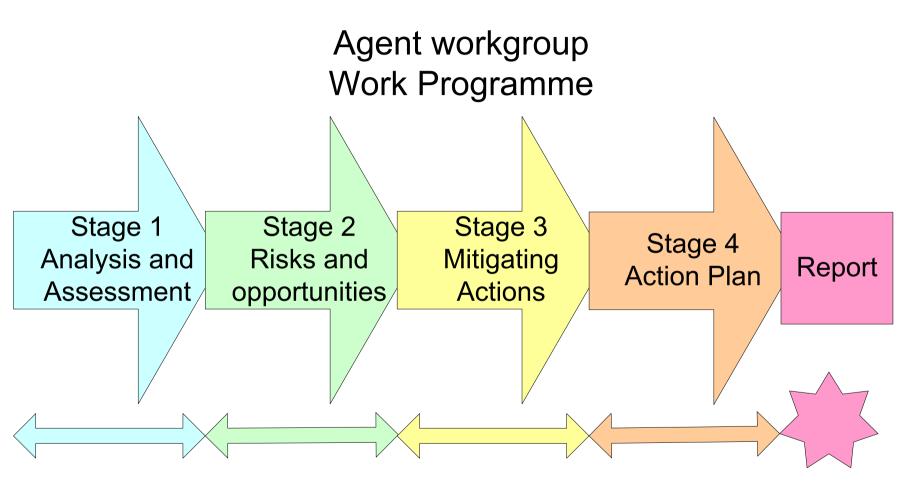


Workgroup Deliverables

Inform Ofgem's view of the risks and mitigating actions associated with the Agency proposal:

- Understanding scope of Agent services
- Shipper/supplier service matrix's
 - ungoverned activities
- Development of action plan to hive down and beyond ...







Agency - nature of risks

- Service definition
 - network code is not comprehensive
- Costs
 - divergence, credit, development and maintenance of new interfaces
- Accountability
- Are standards of service adequately defined
- Additional complexity relationship with DNs



Mitigation - Structural

- Central credit arrangements
- Single point of contact for all shipper/supplier services
- Shippers/suppliers obtain stake in agent
- Minimal changes to systems and interfaces



Mitigation - Governance

- All agent services defined
 - appended to code or in SPAA
- Robust standards of service
- Unified escalation routes
 - ensure clear accountability arrangements
 - shippers/suppliers relationship with agent



Action Plan

- Objective to inform Authority of the risks and mitigating actions
 - What needs to be done for hive down
 - What future action needs to be set in stone for delivery following hive down