External Design Advisory Group - Monthly Highlight Report	Date report updated	July 2017	ofgem

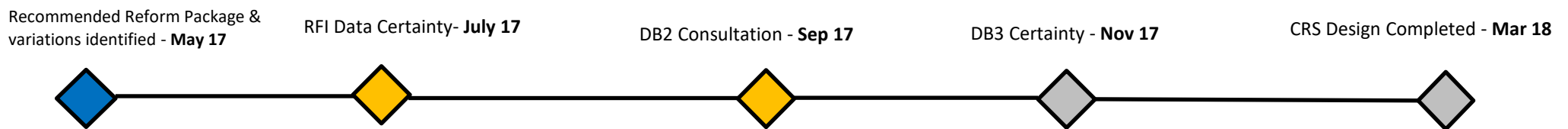| Upcoming Key deliverables		1. Certainty on RFI Data following check/challenge & additional RFI (Blueprint) **Jul '17**	2. Finalised policy considerations/questions for DB2 Consultation (Blueprint) following additonal RFI **Jul '17**	3. Completion of Wave 2 development D-4.1.2/3 Design & Data Models (DLS) **Jun '17** Replanning of wave development completed to address delay	4. Completion of D-4.1.1 DLS Design Assumptions (updated for Design Baseline 2) **Jul '17**

Deliverables achieved since last reporting period		Development of additional RFI to validate RP2a assumptions

Critical path milestones - Design Baselines 2,3 & 4   See Transitional Phase High Level Plan

Recommended Reform Package & variations identified - **May 17**   RFI Data Certainty- **July 17**   DB2 Consultation - **Sep 17**   DB3 Certainty - **Nov 17**   CRS Design Completed - **Mar 18**

Programme Progress update
Overall
* The programme overall remains Amber with DLS development ongoing and good progress made with RFI analysis and the development of recommended Reform package.
* Last EDAG on 22 June.
* Steering Group (SPSG) held on 03 July and Delivery Group (SPDG) on 04 July.
Technical Design Authority
* TDA meeting on 03 July introduced Security, Wave 2 Design work and the Delivery Workstream.
* Representation on group from independent suppliers and Electricity Networks remains outstanding.
Design and Impact Assessment Team
* Developed new reform package (RP2a) and glide path proposals and tested these with stakeholders (EDAG, SPSG and SPDG)
* Sent RFI to suppliers on 3 June to test impacts of RP2a and other potential policy variations (eg linked to metering agents appointment process)
* Working with DCC to identify impact of RP2a on its RFI response and finalise other parts of reform package costs.
* Reviewed progress on Impact Assessment at EDAG on 22 June with deep dive in assumptions planned for 19 July EDAG.
End to End Design workstream
* Development on detailed design and data models ongoing with Wave 1 baselined following TDA approval. Wave 2 work to be reviewed by industry on 17 July and Initial assessment of Wave 3 commenced.
* Design Forums next meeting on 17 July with further meetings planned for 11 September and 16 October.
* Initial assessment of other products including Operational Choreography and Solution Architecture have commenced.
Regulatory Design Workstream
* Programme Board, Delivery Group and User Group happy to proceed to consultation with proposal to create a Retail Energy Code.
* September consultation with focus on REC scope and timing together with governance of transitional arrangements.
* Wave output of delivery work stream now being assessed for governance implications, so expect to proceed with procurement of legal support shortly.
* Replanning of activity ongoing to consider timing of enduring and transitional governance arrangements.
Delivery Strategy Workstream
* Stakeholder Design Forum took place 3 July with discussion of transition approach.
* Delivery of an assurance map highlighting interlocking relationships between programme assurance and a system integration function.
* Work packages to fully commence development in July once preferred reform package and supporting assumptions identified.
* Established bi-lateral meetings with End to End Design workstream to ensure coherence of work packages going forward.
Commercial workstream
* Initial planning in progress with DCC on timing and proposals for licence modifications.
* Strong progress with DCC on market engagement, internal workshops held.
* Procurement plan product description agreed and initial work on the product underway. Product descriptions for reminaing products in progress.
* Regular procurement design teams and workshops are ongoing.
* Regular DCC monthly reporting continues, first quarterly Ex-post plus report received
Near Term Improvements
* Programme Board has approved the creation of a new workstream which is independent of activity around the creation of a CSS to work on broader industry improvements to support the programme namely in data improvement, improving erroneous transfer rates and the Energy Switch Guarantee.
* Data improvement work focusses on plot addresses, meter technical details and responsibilities of smart meter installers.
* Continued active engagement in the MRA/SPAA Erroneous Transfer Working Group.
* Workshop planned on 24 July with DNOs/GTs to discuss plot address issues and possible next steps.
External Dependencies to the programme
CMA remedies - dependency being actively managed.
Gemserv/Xoserve MIS proposal - ongoing engagement to ensure alignment with programme

Design Decisions	A new TDA Decision Log will be developed and decisions published on the Ofgem website	
Decisions Made (during last reporting period)		**Decisions Due (next reporting period)**
None - no products planned for approval since last EDAG		D-4.1.2 E2E Detailed Design Model (Wave 2) D-4.1.2 E2E Data Architecture and Data Governance (Wave 2) D-4.1.1 DLS Design Assumptions

Top delivery risks and issues					
Risk/issue	Current RAG	Previous RAG	**Mitigating actions**		**For information, action or advice sought from EDAG**
I37. Responses to the RFI (Supplier & Central costs) are significantly higher than anticipated (from our previous Impact Assessment) and are making the benefits case more challenging. This is exacerbated by conflicting industry data.			1) Ongoing in-depth reviews of industry RFI submissions and meetings with respondents to check and challenge data. 2) Refining policy proposals in the reform packages in response to RFI impact data. 3) Programme Director to test emerging themes on policy variations and reform packages in bilateral discussions with key stakeholders 4) Conduct qualitative consumer research into the impacts of unreliable switching on direct costs to consumers and willingness to engage with the market.		For information
R72. There is a risk that the DLS Phase will not deliver the right outputs to support the Enactment Phase of the programme			1) Design proving activity to support DLS phase development - test design and indentify gaps. 2) Ongoing testing of design outputs with Regulatory Design and Procurement teams to ensure appropriateness. 3) Engagement with industry during DLS via Market Testing (DCC) and DF/SPDG to further test programme outputs.		For information
R71. There is a risk that the complexity of the RFI analysis (given the responses received) places additional work requirements on the team to consider and validate alternative options (beyond existing Reform Packages)			1) Continued "check & challenge" of RFI responses by DIAT to improve understanding and reduce complexity 2) Ongoing monitoring of RFI progress and related impacts by PMO 3) Re-planning/prioritisation of activity as required 4) Use of consultancy resource to support activity & free up DIAT resources.		For information