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Advisory Group Meeting Response (25 Oct)

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Introduction

The fourth Advisory Group meeting for the ENA Open Networks Project was held on 25th October 2017 in Glasgow. Products from workstreams 1, 2 and 3 were presented to the group for input and a draft work plan for 2018 was shared with the group for feedback.

Comments from these feedback sessions were captured in the meeting and this paper captures the key comments and how they have been addressed in in the project.

This paper sits alongside the published updated versions of the project material.

Workstream 1 – T- D Processes

The project team presented two items from this workstream for feedback:

- Whole System Investment Planning Models
- Draft work plan for 2018

The below table shows the headline feedback received from the Advisory Group for the Whole System Investment Planning Models and how this has been taken into account by the T-D Processes Workstream:

Advisory Group Feedback	Open Networks Workstream Response
Request to share additional details on the models as they get developed within the Open Networks project.	Noted. The first draft of the models was presented to the group with the intention to get feedback on the overall approach for development, areas of priority and to set the context for the planned public consultation on the short-term 'Extended NOA' model.
A number of participants asked how the existing NOA process might be developed. It was recommended that focus was given to the Extended NOA process before other models were considered. It was suggested that further development will need to reflect the output from the Ofgem charging review and Workstream 3 SGAM modelling.	The focus of the work in Q1 2018 will be on designing the 'Extended NOA' model in consultation with the stakeholders and subject matter experts across the industry. This model seeks to incorporate distribution solutions to regional issues, and will inform both the development of subsequent longer-term models, and the national NOA process. We will consider the output from the Ofgem charging review and Workstream 3 SGAM modelling.

An additional question was raised by the Advisory Group about the potential split of role between the DNO and DSO. The below table captures the discussion and the response from the Open Networks project:

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Need to consider drawing out roles and responsibilities for the network operator and system operator function of the future DSO (currently envisioned as single entity) in activities being defined to manage the risk of the DNO and DSO becoming separate entities in the future.	This was raised at the Steering Group level with the consensus that the short-term focus of the project needs to remain on defining functions and the range of DNO DSO agnostic roles and responsibilities for operating efficient flexible energy networks.

	It is recognised that an assessment on where these roles best sit will need be undertaken in the future once the functionality is better understood.
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The below table shows the headline feedback received from the Advisory Group for draft work plan for 2018 and how this has been taken into account by the T-D Processes Workstream:

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Stakeholders expressed that products 13, 14, 15, 8 & 9 are priorities for them.	Noted. This has been taken into consideration in prioritising and developing the scope for 2018.
The group expressed interest in receiving further details on the work plan.	Noted. The intention is to further develop the work plan and have public consultation in January 2018 to understand the priorities of our stakeholders.

Workstream 2 – Customer Experience

The project team presented the final draft of the Customer Information Requirements and draft work plan for 2018 and received the comments below:

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<p>Effective coordination between the different workstreams will be needed to manage any potential overlaps.</p>	<p>Agreed and noted. We have initiated and are already undertaking a process of liaising across workstreams, specifically for WS2 we have worked with WS1 and have identified areas of overlap and divided work and resources up accordingly. This liaison will continue through the life of the project to ensure that any dependencies and overlaps are effectively managed.</p>
<p>Need to make sure we plan effectively and prioritise because the work plan is very heavy</p>	<p>Agreed. The scope of work is currently being reviewed with the Steering Group with the intention to go to public consultation in Q1 2018 to better understand the stakeholder priorities in defining the scope for 2018.</p>
<p>Consider further input and review with customers through development</p>	<p>We will plan for more input (e.g. from DER Connections Group).</p>
<p>Need to consider the input from the Ofgem charging review, particularly on Access Rights.</p>	<p>We will consider input from the Ofgem charging review across the project including the Customer Experience workstream.</p>
<p>Please present work on connections options at next Advisory Group</p>	<p>Noted and planned.</p>

Workstream 3 – DSO Transition

The project team provided an update on the SGAM modelling work to date and presented a draft work plan for 2018 for input.

The below table shows the headline feedback received from the Advisory Group on the SGAM modelling work and how this has been taken into account by the project.

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DSO should not be a commercial aggregator	The DSO will be more of a co-ordination role - it is a regulatory role rather than a commercial profit-making role. This has been clarified further in the FAQs on the ENA website.
Are we taking into account outputs from the Commercial Principles Paper?	Yes we will be. We are currently consolidating the feedback from the consultation, and will be feeding this into the SGAM work accordingly.
How are we progressing the comments from the workshops?	We are currently in the process of consolidating the feedback and sorting it via themes/topics. We will then be reviewing the comments and updating the SGAM's accordingly, if relevant. If there are comments which require further clarification, we will look to consult with stakeholders accordingly.
Will you be doing more public engagement on the DSO models, and getting more input?	Yes, we will be looking for wider engagement from the industry when we publish the models in early 2018. This includes information dissemination, to introduce SGAM to the wider industry
Can we compare with the gas model, which operates now?	We will look for input from the ENA Gas Members.

The Advisory Group were in general agreement with the WS3 scope. Below is the feedback.

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Requested for visibility of upcoming consultation and stakeholder engagement event dates.	We are producing a comprehensive plan for 2018, which includes what, how and when we need stakeholders to engage with our products that are being produced under the project's workstreams.