MHHS Webinar: Participant Design Assurance Approach

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1 Data Integration Platform (DIP)

Q1. **There are a number of open Design questions RE: DIP Interfaces to Licensed Distribution System Operator/ Unmetered Supplies Operator (LDSO/UMSO) which need clarifying before we can complete internal designs. How/when will these be addressed?**

The Design team have a process for handling queries coming into the Design mailbox where messages are triaged. The team are revising the process on how queries and clarifications are addressed in the Design. The DIP Service Provider, Avanade, are now onboard and are not aware of outstanding items (without further context) but are happy to support should there be a specific request. The Din-log captures all the Design issues that require Artefacts to be updated and are currently prioritising these items. The team is focused on items that impact parties' participation in Systems Integration Testing (SIT) and the challenges of Change Requests (CR) that will come into the Programme. The Design team are aware of the high demand of queries coming in and the Artefacts that need to be updated, and within the next few weeks will be issuing a roadmap of everything on the Din-log. These will be walked through during open sessions similar to those of the pre-baselining and allowing the Programme to be more transparent through the Design Advisory Group (DAG).

2 Design Assurance Questionnaire

Q1. The Design Assurance is covering more than just Design, e.g., Test tools, resources. Is there a risk of duplication if this is now replacing the Readiness Assessments (RA)?

MHHS Design Assurance is not fully replacing the RA but as we are not holding RA3 until Q3/4 2023 as a consequence of Round 3 of the Replan, the Design Assurance approach will provide adequate engagement from participants.

Q2. The Design Assurance feels similar to an audit / readiness assessment requiring written submissions, evidence provision, reporting etc and will be an onerous for participants.

In comparison to RA this is a shorter document in terms of the volume of questions and has a different tone: Design Assurance is to help participants to understand where they might need assistance for and improvements to their Design with support from the MHHS Design team. In comparison, the RA is looking at where participants have met certain criteria and whether they will hit Programme milestones.

Q3. Can participants view the questions now?

As the questions are still being drafted the Design Assurance is not ready for public view but will be available on 11th April.

Q4. Can the questionnaire be issued as an Excel file as well please? It is much easier to share an excel file internally to obtain stakeholder inputs to questions.

Yes, the Programme will issue the questionnaire as an Excel file as well as a Microsoft Form, but to confirm all answers will need to be responded through Microsoft Forms only.

Q5. Will the outcome of the assessment prevent a participant from proceeding?

This Design Assurance approach does not result in a pass or fail but rather is there to give the Programme confidence that SIT is going to be a success and highlight any support a participant may need.

Q6. Will participants have a chance to comment on the appropriateness of questions in the questionnaire?

No, this is a questionnaire drawn up internally and will be issued on 11th April. The questionnaire will not be consulted with the industry regarding the questions being asked.

Q7. Will the findings from these assessments result in some Guidance or Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page?

Yes, there is a potential for this and it is currently being looked into regarding a knowledge base. The Programme are looking to put together FAQs and support for this and the Design process overall.

Q8. Will the Design Assurance impact the time taken for the Design team to respond to the large number of questions that are currently being raised?

No, we have dedicated resource focused on facilitating the Programme Design Assurance.

Q9. Will it be possible to have sessions (in addition to one Bi-lateral meeting) with Design Authority for any clarifications during filling the form?

If there are challenges filling in the form, please push queries to the Design mailbox. If it comes to our attention that there are common issue themes arising from the questionnaire, then the Programme will send out clarification communications.

Q10. The interim plan had activities for a Design Assurance Approach to be reviewed and approved. Why wasn't this consulted on before determining the dates?

The approach was approved internally and did not require an external review.

Q11. On today's Programme Steering Group (PSG) pre-meet, Keith Clark suggested 23rd April SIT decision milestone is moving to 23rd May in the new interim plan - will this timeline move with that?

No, the timeline will not move as a consequence of the SIT decision milestone data moving.

3   Participation in SIT

Q1. Is the Design Assurance a voluntary activity or a pre-requisite for entrance to SIT/Qualification?

This is not a pre-requisite for qualification, but it is strongly encouraged for participation in SIT and Components Integration Testing (CIT).

Q2. For non-SIT participants why do participants need to complete the questionnaire so soon?

The questionnaire is not mandated but it is helpful to determine whether the participant is progressing at the pace required by the Programme.

Q3. Does Phase 1 only include the Central Providers or does it also include industry participants who have volunteered for SIT?

The first phase is only for Central Systems.

Q4. The SIT agreement is now not until end of May - so which participants will be in and out of tranche 1 Design Assurance?

The Design Assurance questionnaire will be sent to every participant. We strongly recommend that participants who have shown an interest in SIT participation engage with the questionnaire and approach.

Q5. Participants having to wait a few weeks for some Design answers is too late and the Design Team are holding up our internal Designs now, consequently leading to SIT not being an option.

The Design team has a target to respond to all emails within 5 working days. Currently there are a high volume of messages coming through to the team. The team are focused on responding to these and will be prioritising queries from those that have shown an interest in participating in SIT.

Q6. How will this questionnaire work if the participant wants to place reliance on our system provider? Does the participant need to duplicate this?

Placing Reliance is being discussed at the moment as part of the SIT Working Group and there are ongoing discussions on the use of reliance and use of third-party support and outsource support.

Q7. The PSG pre-meet today said the SIT decision milestone was moving. Do we therefore assume the timelines shared here for Design Assurance will need revision?

The dates for Design Assurance will not be changing. The Programme has always encouraged participants to start their work and Design, Build and Test (DBT) as soon as practically possible.

Q8. Can someone confirm the SIT decision has been moved to end May - that's news!

Yes, the date that participants need to let the Programme know whether they are participating in SIT or not is 23rd May.