

MHHS Extraordinary Testing and Migration Advisory Group (TMAG) Minutes and Actions

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Meeting number	TMAG 023 (Extraordinary)	Venue	Virtual – MS Teams
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Actions

Area	Ref	Action	Owner	Due	Update
No new actions					

Decisions

Area	Ref	Description
SIT CIT Test Scenarios	TMAG-DEC45	Approval of SIT CIT Test Scenarios v5.2.2.
SIT CIT Test Case Plans	TMAG-DEC46	Approval of change in approach and milestone dates of SIT CIT Test Case Plans.
End-to-End (E2E) Testing and Integration Strategy Refresh Plan	TMAG-DEC47	Approval of E2E Testing and Integration Strategy Refresh Plan, with the caveat around the Sandbox agreement.
SIT Functional Connectivity Proving	TMAG-DEC48	Approval of SIT Functional Connectivity Proving approach.
Upcoming Milestones and Changes related to TMAG	TMAG-DEC49	Approval of milestone changes to the Programme Plan.

Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and provided an overview of the meeting agenda, advising the purpose of this extraordinary meeting was to decide whether certain SIT-related documents should be approved.

2. SIT CIT Test Scenarios

KD advised an action was taken at the Systems Integration Testing Working Group (SITWG) on 09 August 2023 to review the SIT CIT Test Scenarios and participant comments.

The Programme have since offered bilaterals to participants to address open queries; published an enhanced CIT Scenario Pack v5.2.2; provided SITWG members with a further 5 working days to conduct final reviews; and, scheduled this extraordinary TMAG to approve the scenarios.

For queries raised against the v5.2.2 scenarios during the 5-day assurance window the Programme undertaken the following:

- 1) Tagged scenarios where the cause lies in an open design stipulation, but a participant or role contents that stipulation does not apply to them. These scenarios will be progressed via a DIN for implementation in a future design iteration, given the movement into SIT against Interim Release 2 baseline. The Programme reiterated that there was no hard mandate that parties will have to run these to exit SIT.
- 2) Where the cause lies in the scenario itself, the Programme will issue an addendum to the scenarios, and issue to all participants. The test cases that follow will align with the revised scenario.

On this basis the Programme believes all open questions have been resolved and have requested approval by TMAG members.

The Supplier Agent Representative shared that there were some design queries raised which had not been marked as an open query (e.g. IF021) and would like these to be flagged. The Programme responded that further queries could be additionally tagged through the addendum mechanism. The Programme further noted that the key point is that parties will not be impacted by additional DINs.

The Elexon representative shared that they have not received confirmation on a query raised referring to the number of test cases. The Programme responded they would continue to hold bilaterals with this participant around optimising test coverage in this space.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the approval of SIT CIT Test Scenarios v5.2.2. No objections. Approved.

DECISION TMAG-DEC45: Approval of SIT CIT Test Scenarios v5.2.2

3. SIT CIT Test Case Plans

The Programme advised there was a change in approach and milestone dates of the SIT CIT Test Case Plans, as per the meeting papers. It was noted the current formal milestone date to approve the test cases will not be achieved and this milestone is now tracking as red. The Programme has developed a new delivery plan that recognises that CIT test cases are relevant to particular participant groups and it is therefore logical to plan for batch delivery of the cases and align this to parties entering CIT at the various interval stages.

The Programme walked through the three batches, as per the slide. The test cases will be approved in batches ahead of the Programme's Readiness Assessments for the relevant intervals. It was shared that the plan had been socialised at the Fast Track Implementation Group (FTIG) and the SITWG and no challenges were raised. As such, the Programme have brought the new plan and milestone date changes to TMAG for formal approval.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to approving the change in approach and milestone dates of SIT CIT Test Case Plans. No objections were raised.

DECISION TMAG-DEC46: Approval of change in approach and milestone dates of SIT CIT Test Case Plans

4. End-to-End (E2E) Testing and Integration Strategy Refresh Plan

LC advised an action was raised at a previous TMAG to provide a date for when the E2E Testing and Integration Strategy would be re-issued for approval.

An overview of the draft plan was provided, as per the meeting papers. Members were advised the plan is to bring the document for approval at the October TMAG.

It was shared that there would be a caveat to the approval around the dependencies on the E2E sandbox agreement. The sandbox agreement is currently being discussed with participants via the Qualification Working Group (QWG), after which it will be submitted to TMAG for approval. There is a risk that QWG's engagement with participants . Therefore, the Programme will be waiting to achieve an agreement on the way forward after this decision has taken place. to the milestone delivery date given the dependency on QWG.

LN, the Large Supplier Representative, queried what the dependency was in relation to the Sandbox. The Programme responded there are implications on how to practically achieve the Sandbox environment and it may limit participants'

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ability to undertake alternative testing. The Programme noted they have been working on an alternative solution which will be socialised with QWG members.

DJ, the REC Representative, highlighted that the plan shows the strategy being issued for Code Body review on 29 August 2023, however noted that Code Bodies had not seen this yet. The Programme responded that they needed to review the strategy internally and following this, the Code Bodies will be contacted.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the approval of E2E Testing and Integration Strategy Refresh Plan, with the caveat around the Sandbox agreement. No objections were raised.

DECISION TMAG-DEC47: Approval of E2E Testing and Integration Strategy Refresh Plan, with the caveat around the Sandbox agreement

5. SIT Functional Connectivity Proving

The Programme shared an overview of the SIT Functional Connectivity Proving Phase, as per the meeting papers. It was noted that test participants will need to ensure their internal test environment connectivity is confirmed and that they can connect to the DIP. The objective of SIT Functional testing is to validate the E2E operability of the MHHS solution, and in order to execute this, the various market roles need to be connected. In order to ensure that SIT Functional test phases commence as scheduled the Programme will be introducing a SIT Functional Connectivity Proving Phase running from 08 January to 02 February 2024.

Members were advised this approach was socialised in the Environments Working Group in August 2023.

The Programme provided an overview of the diagrams within the meeting slides, noting Suppliers may have multiple interactions depending on the market role.

IH, The Supplier Agent representative, believed the diagram was confusing as Suppliers do not directly communicate with, for example, ADS and MSA. The Programme agreed this was a fair challenge and understood the potential confusion.

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the approval of SIT Functional Connectivity Proving approach. No objections were raised.

DECISION TMAG-DEC48: Approval of SIT Functional Connectivity Proving approach

6. Upcoming Programme Milestones and Changes related to TMAG

The Chair asked whether there we any questions on the proposed milestone date changes contained within the meeting papers. No questions or objections were raised.

DECISION TMAG-DEC49: Approval of milestone changes to the Programme Plan

7. Summary and next steps

The Chair thanked members for making time to attend an extraordinary meeting.

Date of next TMAG: 20 September 2023

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