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# Code Administrators Code of Practice (CACoP) Update

This paper provides an update to the DCUSA Panel on the work being undertaken by the CACoP Forum.

## 1. Background

1.1 The CACoP was established following Ofgem’s Code Governance Review in 2015, with the aim of ensuring a consistent approach and level of service is delivered by all Code Administrators. The CACoP contains 16 principles to facilitate convergence and transparency in all aspects of Code Administration, particularly focused on ensuring ease of understanding and engagement with the Code change processes. CACoP promotes accessibility, working to improve regulatory engagement with all parties operating in the energy market as well as considering consumers interests.

## 2. Update

2.1 The latest CACoP meeting was held on Friday, 02 August 2024 and the following items were discussed:

### 3. Ofgem update

3.1 The Forum was advised that Ofgem had commenced publishing decisions on code modifications again and were in the process of confirming the new Expected Decision Dates (EDD) for the modifications that were currently with them.

3.2 Ofgem were looking to communicate the EDD as soon as possible at Code Panel meetings, but no updates had been made to the EDD register on the publishing website on. This was due to the organisational priorities that may change in the light of the new government coming into power, and Ofgem were not in a position yet to confirm all the EDD for all the Code modifications presently.

3.3 The Forum noted that following the recent election outcome, Ofgem are proceeding with all of the planned work on the Energy Code Reform and whilst it was early days, Ofgem are working with the new government to understand what their priorities are and if further policy updates should be taken into consideration; the relevant panels will be updated as appropriate.

3.4 Following the cancellation of the June CACoP Forum, at which Ofgem had planned to seek feedback from Code Administrators regarding the potential for code managers to be able to charge for optional services in the future as well as how they might tackle delivery plans as further described below:

- Optional charging would essentially be the possibility for the Code Manager to charge for some of their services on a more direct/one-off basis, instead of funding it through their core charges (which code parties regularly pay). The ask is whether code administrators currently have similar arrangements to this, as well as any broader input they may have.

- Delivery plans are about how Code Managers are obliged to produce a delivery plan for their code based on Ofgem’s strategic direction statement. We have questions around the prescriptiveness of the requirements regarding the plan, its timespan and scope.

3.5 It was noted that this engagement was now planned to take place in bilateral meetings and that if Code Administrators don’t yet have scheduled sessions with Ofgem, they should get in touch with the relevant people at Ofgem if they would like to meet to have input on Ofgem’s early policy.

#### 4. Cross Code Survey

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4.1 Following previous confirmation from Ofgem that they will not be carrying out a cross-Code survey in 2024, Ofgem had proposed that Code Administrators could carry out their own surveys, with the Forum agreeing more consistent questions that could be asked through these.

4.2 It was noted that this had been discussed in more detail during the April CACoP Forum, where the Chair had taken an action to draft up a survey based on the questions previously asked as part of the Ofgem led survey. The Chair advised Forum members that the draft survey had been completed and members had the opportunity to review.

4.3 Members discussed the timeline for the Cross Code survey, during which some questions were raised as to the potential timeline, which had originally set out to issue the survey in August but that this was in question due to August being a period in which many people take annual leave. Comments were also made with respect to whether now is the right time considering the developments that may arise from Energy Code Reform.

4.4 The Chair commented that there had also been questions around what will be done with the information received from the survey and so concluded that it may be appropriate to review the timing of the survey in order to obtain a view from Ofgem on the points that had been raised.

4.5 The Ofgem representative took an action away to reach out the wider team at Ofgem for comment/possible solution and take this discussion offline with the Chair.

#### 5. Data best practice (DBP) update

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5.1 Charles Clark from Ofgem gave Forum members an update on Data Best Practice (DBP) and its future in Codes. It was highlighted to Forum members that Energy System Data being Presumed Open is a key principle, Interoperability is a critical enabler and greater adoption leads to greater interoperability and increased acceptance of standards towards universality.

5.2 Forum members noted that Ofgem intend on publishing a consultation out by the end of 2024 and that to assist in this process but also until the summer of next year, a cross code steering group was being established to ensure that industry views were taken into account

5.3 Forum members were advised Ofgem issued an Open Letter to Codes on 14 March 2024 setting out Ofgem’s direction of travel and intent and that the Cross Code Digitalisation Steering Group will first meet in August where the groups Terms of Reference will be agreed and Forum members were encouraged to participate. It was noted that the Cross Code Digitalisation Steering Group will run under an Ofgem led approach for approximately 12 months, with meetings to be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month and then Ofgem will assess next steps, which may include handing the group over to industry to continue the discussions.

## 6. Next CACoP Meeting

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6.1 The next CACoP Forum is scheduled for 01 October 2024.

## 7. Action

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7.1 The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **NOTE** the content of this paper.

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