

Meeting Session	Panel (Open Session)
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Code Administrators Code of Practice (CACoP) Forum Headline Report

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the key headlines from the CACoP Forum meeting held on 17 March 2026 via Microsoft Teams.

2. Agenda Items Covered

- 2.1 During the latest CACoP Forum meeting, the following agenda items were covered:

Code Modification Prioritisation

- 2.2 Forum members received an update on cross-code modification prioritisation activity, including Ofgem's revised timeline, the development of shared prioritisation principles, and the anticipated impacts on code governance processes.
- 2.3 It was noted that an informal cross-code group has been meeting to share information, develop joint positions, and seek greater alignment across codes, whilst recognising differing code objectives.
- 2.4 Ofgem confirmed that publication of its decision notice on prioritisation is now expected in early May 2026, and that the prioritisation framework is intended to apply to all codes rather than solely to those with licensed Code Managers.
- 2.5 Forum members highlighted that existing modification proposal templates, workgroup report templates and modification registers will require updates to accommodate the new prioritisation process. Members discussed the balance between interim alignment and the risk of undertaking major template changes ahead of longer-term standardisation under licensed Code Managers.
- 2.6 Members agreed that aligned guidance for proposers would be beneficial, with potential to share agreed wording across templates, websites and communications, recognising the likely evolution of processes following code reform.
- 2.7 It was suggested that the prioritisation work be presented to the Cross Code Steering Group (CCSG), due to limited overlap in membership, and members agreed to coordinate further engagement across forums.

Actions Update

- 2.8 The following actions were reviewed and updated:

2.9 Horizon Scanner (Ref 0912/01)

- Ofgem confirmed that it is not prescriptive on the format of the Horizon Scanner, provided that the Terms of Reference and original intent are met.

- Forum members reiterated concerns regarding the sustainability and value of maintaining a single consolidated scanner.
- A new action (Ref 1703/01) was raised to include the Horizon Scanner as a substantive agenda item at a future meeting to agree a clear purpose, content and approach.

2.10 2024 CACoP Code Survey (Ref 0912/02)

- Members reviewed the consolidated survey summary and noted that further comments (including late submissions) had been received.
- It was agreed that, once final inputs and Chair comments are incorporated, the survey summary should be published without further delay.
- Members agreed that alternative formats or enhanced visualisation could be considered for future surveys, but not retrospectively.

2.11 Updates to CACoP Principles (Ref 2502/01)

- Draft updates to Principle 12 together with a new Principles 17 and 18, were reviewed, including minor factual and organisational amendments.
- Members agreed to share the draft with their respective Panels for wider comment, with feedback requested by the end of April 2026. Subject to feedback, the consolidated update will be submitted to Ofgem for approval. Ofgem confirmed no immediate concerns with the proposals.

2.12 Monthly Meetings (Ref 2502/03)

- The Chair confirmed that monthly meetings have been scheduled and invitations issued.

Ofgem Update

2.13 Ofgem provided an update on recent and forthcoming publications related to energy code reform, including:

- Publication of the Second Implementation Decision on 6 March 2026, including calls for input;
- Forthcoming joint Ofgem / DESNZ publications on Code Manager licence conditions and code modification appeals; and
- Transitional measures and consequential changes to support Phase 1 implementation, including calls for stakeholder views on required code changes.

Any Other Business

2.14 CACoP Website Updates

- Members discussed the need to update the CACoP website and templates, including removal of outdated branding and ensuring information remains current. Members were asked to review and submit required updates by the end of the month.

2.15 Branding in CACoP Templates

- It was agreed that Gemserv branding should be removed from CACoP templates and not replaced, to ensure materials remain future-proof.

2.16 Ofgem Performance Indicators Consultation

- Members discussed Ofgem's consultation on proposed performance indicators and noted that CCSG is preparing a response. CACoP members agreed to confirm via email whether capacity exists to submit a separate CACoP response ahead of the 7 April 2026 deadline.

3. Date of Next Meeting

- 3.1 The next CACoP Forum meeting will be held on 14 April 2026,

4. Actions

- 4.1 The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

- **NOTE** the contents of this Paper.

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