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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 18 August 2026 via Microsoft Teams.

2. Actions Update

2.1 The Forum reviewed progress against several ongoing actions. Members agreed to close actions relating to the circulation of SDS-2 slides and the implementation of a prioritisation column within the Central Modification Register. Several actions remain open pending further consideration by the Forum.

Terms of Reference Review

2.2 Members discussed the ongoing comprehensive review of the CACoP Terms of Reference. Limited feedback had been received since the previous meeting, and it was agreed that additional time should be provided for members to submit comments before further discussions take place at the September CACoP Forum meeting.

2.3 Members also noted that previously agreed amendments removing references to the Horizon Scanner had not yet been reflected within the version published on the CACoP website. It was agreed that this would be corrected and the associated actions remain open.

3. Workplan Update

CACoP Principles Update

3.1 Members discussed the anticipated implementation of the revised CACoP Principles and sought clarification on how they would interact with future Code Manager obligations. Ofgem advised that it would like to reach a decision on the updated Principles before the REC Code Manager licence is granted, reflecting the relationship between the Principles and emerging data best practice requirements.

3.2 The Forum noted that the CACoP Principles are intended to represent good practice and support preparation for future obligations. Ofgem agreed to provide further clarification regarding expected implementation timescales following approval of the revised Principles.

CACoP Survey

3.3 Members received a presentation on proposed changes to the annual CACoP Stakeholder Survey. The revised approach would align survey questions more closely to the CACoP Principles and seek more targeted feedback on stakeholder experiences across areas including communications, digital channels, meetings and workgroups, modification processes and the future role of CACoP.

3.4 Forum members discussed the overall length of the proposed survey and noted concerns that a significant increase in the number of questions could adversely impact stakeholder participation and response rates. Members also highlighted the value of maintaining continuity with previous surveys to support benchmarking and trend analysis over time.

3.5 The Forum also considered the inclusion of questions relating to the future role of CACoP. While members recognised the importance of understanding stakeholder awareness and perceptions of CACoP, it was suggested that this section could be refined if changes are required to reduce the overall survey length.

3.6 Discussions also considered survey delivery and promotion. Members supported exploring options that would enable stakeholders engaging with multiple codes to provide feedback efficiently and agreed that consistent communications across code bodies would help maximise participation. It was agreed that draft promotional wording would be developed and circulated for consideration.

3.7 The proposed survey timetable was reviewed, and members emphasised the importance of providing sufficient opportunity to review and approve the final survey before publication. It was agreed that the survey would be revised to reflect the feedback received and recirculated for further review.

4. Ofgem Update

4.1 Ofgem advised that the final template code text for code modifications and the Stakeholder Advisory Forum was published on 7 August 2026 following consultation earlier in the year. Members were informed that further consultations on code-specific drafting will follow in due course.

4.2 Members were also advised that Ofgem expects to publish a decision covering Phase 1 transitional measures and code changes later in August 2026. This decision is expected to address proposals relating to the BSC and REC, together with transitional licensing arrangements and licence provisions.

4.3 Ofgem provided an update on the timetable for granting Code Manager licences. Members noted that the REC remains on track to receive a licence later in 2026, whilst the BSC licence is now expected to be granted in early 2027. Both licences remain scheduled to be awarded within the same financial year.

4.4 The Forum also received an update on Phase 2 code consolidation activities. Members discussed the ongoing stakeholder workshops covering electricity commercial codes and gas network codes and noted that additional engagement sessions may be required to explore detailed implementation considerations as the programme develops.

5. Date of Next Meeting

5.1 The next CACoP Forum meeting will be held in September 2026.

6. Actions

6.1 The DCUSA Panel is invited to:

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

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