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Action	For Decision

Proposed new CACoP principles

1. PURPOSE

The Code Administration Code of Practice (CACoP) Forum agreed to carry out a review of the CACoP document and provided input at the last meeting. These were circulated after the meeting for comment. This paper sets out the proposed changes and the comments received, for the Forum's agreement prior to the CACoP survey being issued.

2. REVIEW OF THE CACoP DOCUMENT

The Forum's objectives include an intent to annually review and consult on the [CACoP document](#). CACoP Principle 4 also envisions the relevant Code Administrators reviewing this on a regular basis through a group such as the Forum.

At the last Forum meeting, the Forum considered the document and proposed the following changes:

- Introducing a new principle that encourages Code Administrators and Managers to consider the potential impacts on the end consumer and on the move to net zero arising from any Modification. These areas are becoming increasingly important and any impacts on these should be considered as part of the case for change.
- Introducing a new principle to reflect the Code Administrators and Managers providing support and input to Ofgem on Code Reform and Consolidation.
- A general review of the document to better align wording across the principles and correct other minor errors and inconsistencies.

We received a comment on the proposed new principle encouraging consideration of the impacts on the end consumers and on net zero. The respondent agreed with the push towards incorporating both into the CACoP and into the assessment of Modifications. However, they were concerned that in making its decision on a Modification Ofgem is limited to assessing the benefits against the Applicable Code Objectives. As such, an assessment of the impacts on end consumers and on net zero may not provide any benefit for the time and effort it would require.

We acknowledge that Code Panels are limited in this way in making their determinations on Modifications but understood that Ofgem could take its wider statutory duties into account. We have reached out to Ofgem for clarification to ensure we have an accurate understanding of the

situation and will provide an update on its response in the meeting. We also welcome views from other members on including this new principle before we proceed with including this in the CACoP survey.

We also received a concern around changing the 'seek' terminology in the guidance on meeting Principle 8, as this could be read as putting the requirements solely as the responsibility of the Code Administrator. This may be an issue around defining what a 'central system is, as a lot of the cost-benefit analysis is generated by information the industry, which Code Administrators shouldn't be responsible for producing (although they would be responsible for information relating to the Code Administrator or its service providers). We seek views from members on this.

There was also a comment on whether the timelines in the table on 26 are still correct. We note that every Modification is different, so a single timeline may not be appropriate, but we welcome views on whether any changes are needed here.

The only comment of note on the survey document was a proposal to add in a question seeking views on respondents' preferred communication channels for receiving updates. We agree this would be useful feedback and have added this into the existing question seeking views on the Forum's current communications.

3. NEXT STEPS

We seek views from members on the comments above, and any other views on the proposed new principles, and agreement of the changes to be issued for consultation.

Following this meeting, we will finalise the proposed changes and issue the CACoP survey. We will be able to close the consultation in the last week of September and will circulate the responses received in the paper pack for the October 2023 Forum meeting for discussion.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The CACoP Forum is invited to:

- **AGREE** the proposed changes to the CACoP document to be issued for consultation in the CACoP survey.

David Kemp

Forum Chair

8 August 2023

Attachments

- **Attachment A:** Draft proposed changes to the CACoP document for consultation