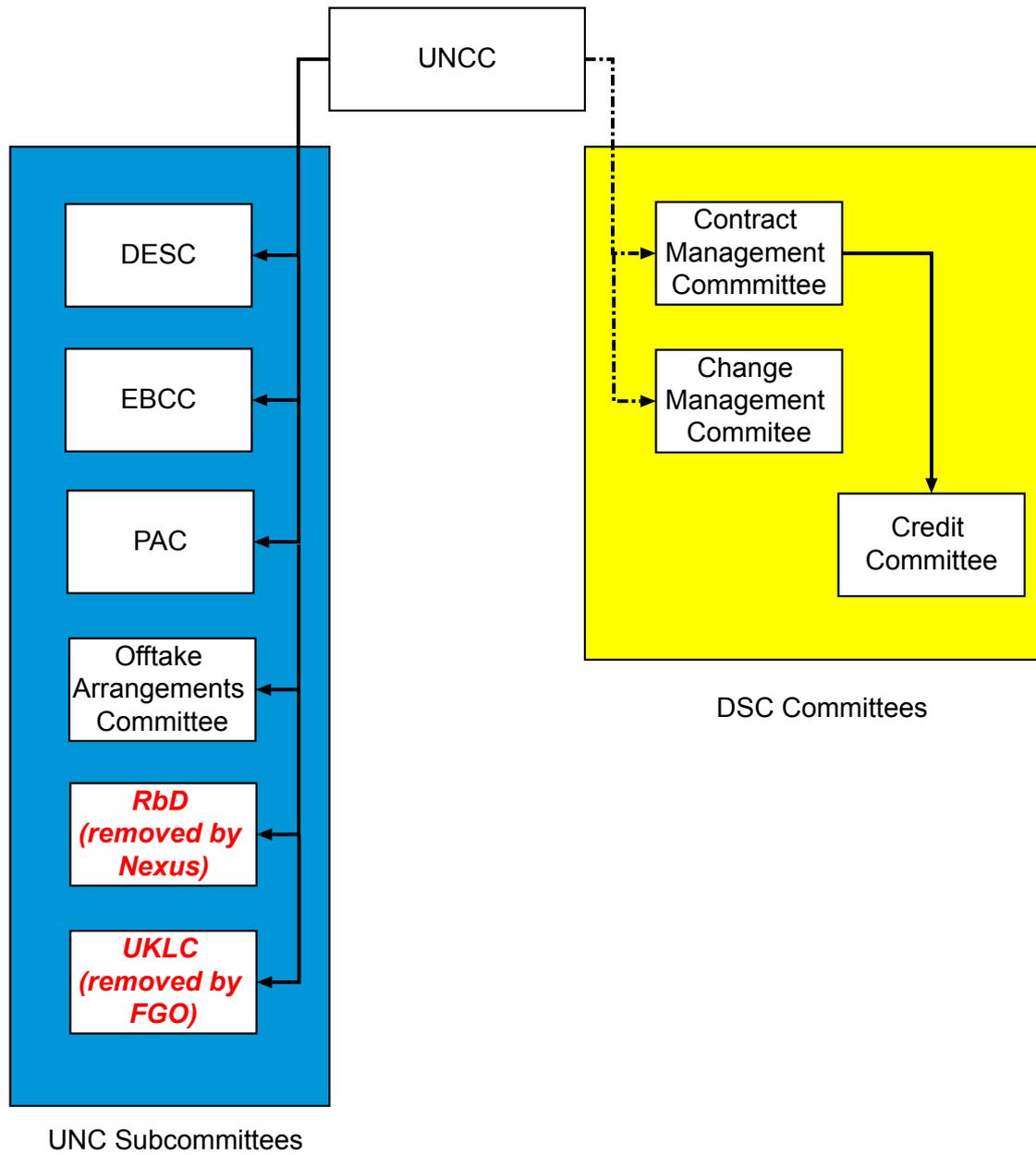


UNC / DSC Committee Structures

The following diagram sets out the committee structure and relationship between Uniform Network Code (UNC) and Data Services Contract (DSC) Committees.



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UNCC Considerations

The implementation of FGO arrangements will establish three DSC Committees as follows:

1. Contract Management Committee – main focus of the Committee is likely to be CDSP budget and KPIs;
2. Change Management Committee – main focus of the Committee is likely to be changes to UK Link and other tasks undertaken by the UK Link committee and consideration of DSC service changes;
3. Credit Committee – established by the Contract Management Committee, the Credit Committee assists the CDSP with the management of Credit Risk in a similar role to that undertaken by the EBCC.

The DSC Committees will have a degree of autonomy from the UNCC due to the nature of the agreements. However, the UNCC will be the escalation route for DSC Committees.

1. Establishment of Committees

The UNC and Transition Rules have rules for the establishment of DSC Committees by the UNCC; using a similar approach to that used for selecting Shipper representatives for UNC, with the addition of Shipper Classes. In addition Transporter nominations are the subject of 3 modification proposals set out in that table below.

Shipper Representation - all modifications propose the same membership			
	Shipper Class A	Shipper Class B	Shipper Class C
Modifications 0565/0565A/0565B	2	2	2
Transporter Representation proposed by each modification			
	DNO	iGT	NTS
Modification 0565	3	2	1
Modification 0565A	2	2	2
Modification 0565B	4	1	1

Shipper Class A – large domestic Shippers;

Shipper Class B – industrial/commercial Shippers;

Shipper Class C – those not in Class A or B (challenger Shippers).

The UNC/Transition Rules require the DSC Committees to be established by 01 April 2017, allowing for membership nominations to be in place until 30 September 2018 (18 months), removing the need to rerun the DSC nomination process during the summer of 2017. Thereafter membership will be for 12 months in parallel with the UNC process.

It should be noted that the nominations process for the UNC Modification Panel, UNCC and subcommittees is unchanged by the implementation of FGO.

Issues for consideration:

1. The DSC process has adopted the UNC Shipper nomination process, which would require SPOC identification process to commence at the beginning of December, and Committee nominations being established during January/February, with appointments for 01 April 2017

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(this allows time should an election need to be run). However, it is unlikely there will be a decision on the modifications until the end of January 2017 and it may therefore be prudent for the UNCC to authorise the Code Administrator to commence the process ahead of an authority decision.

2. As with 1. Above, Transporter nominations are subject to the approval of modifications before there is certainty on DSC Committee representation. However, as Transporters nominate representatives the process can be undertaken after a modification decision but no later than the end of February 2017.
3. It should be noted that the Transition Rules allow for iGT membership of DSC Committees ahead of Nexus and Modification 0440 - Project Nexus – iGT Single Service Provision implementation, therefore nominations from the AiGT should be sought during this period.
4. It would be prudent if the DSC Committees could be established by March 2017 as certain activities would need to be undertaken ahead of FGO go live on 01 April 2017. These details should be set out as part of the implementation plan, however Committee Terms of Reference need to be established and it would be advisable if the Credit Committee were to approve the Credit Rules in advance of 01 April 2017.

2. UK Link Committee

The role or tasks of the UK Link Committee are to be transferred to the DSC Change Committee and it would be advisable if the UK Link and Change Committees coordinate their meetings to ensure a smooth transition during March/April 2017. The UNCC should close the UK Link Committee at the end of March 2017.

3. UNCC Subcommittee Terms of Reference

Due to the changing role of Xoserve from Transporter Agency to CDSP for a number of UNC activities, it is recommended that the UNCC request all subcommittees to review their Terms of Reference and in particular the roles and responsibilities of attendees to meetings.

4. UNC Referenced and Guidelines Documents

It is recommended that UNCC request the FGO Workgroup to review all relevant UNC Referenced and Guidelines documents to ensure their suitability for use following the implementation of FGO arrangements. Any amended documents should be submitted to the relevant Governance Committee prior to 01 April 2017.

5. Code Administrator Impacts

There are likely to be a number of impacts on the Joint Office, although none of these are anticipated as being significant at this time.

1. Meetings

Additional meeting needs to be scheduled into the diary as the Joint Office is to Chair , however it is expected that the Credit Committee would meet on the same day as EBCC as membership is likely to be similar and both meetings of relatively short duration and that the Change Committee could be scheduled into the meeting space vacated by the UK Link Committee, therefore only the Management Committee would be additional to the overall meeting schedule.

2. Shipper User Nomination Process

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Shipper Class is a new aspect of the SPOC process and both the Joint Office and Xoserve have limited knowledge of which Shippers or groups of Shippers fall into a particular Class and this information would need to be identified during the SPOC process.

3. Templates and Email

Change templates and email stationary will need to be developed and approved prior to 01 April 2017 as these will be additional to the current templates used in the UNC process.

4. Modification Rules

There are minor changes to the Modification Rules mainly focused around recognition of the CDSP and placing a requirement on them to attend Workgroup meetings. However, with a more formalised relationship between the CDSP/DSC Committees and UNC process, it is likely in some scenarios that the modification process might be extended, as more information might be needed or may become available to inform the process. However, this is not anticipated as being a significant increase in development time.