Summary of Key Messages from DESC TWG on 28th April 2021

Outcomes

2.0 Collection of Daily Gas Consumption Data for use in EUC Demand Modelling

 DESC TWG reviewed the summary of the validated daily gas consumption data and the proposed End User Category (EUC) definitions and modelling runs, including in some cases aggregations where individual LDZ analysis is not possible.

All recommendations, including the setting of this year's Winter Annual Ratio (WAR) Thresholds were approved and the modelling results will be shared at the next DESC TWG meeting on Monday 24th May

- As first highlighted in February, it remains DESC's view that it would be inappropriate to allow the data collected for the last 12 months to be used to influence the next set of Gas Demand Profiles for Gas Year 2021/22, particularly for I&C End User Categories. This is because of the impacts COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions will have had on demand levels. The modelling results due to be presented at the next DESC Technical Workgroup meeting on 24th May will reveal this and will be where the final decisions on their use will be made.
- Material presented to DESC is available <u>here</u>.