

## **Change Overview Board – Note for Information on COB action 0204**

At the Change Overview Board on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015, a query was raised over the dependencies between the delivery of UK Link Programme and Gemini Consequential Change as a result of the Project Nexus requirements and the delivery of the EU Reform Programme.

This short paper aims to give clarity to those dependencies.

The requirements gathered during Project Nexus, subsequently being delivered as part of the UK Link Programme impact functionality currently performed within the Gemini system. Therefore Gemini is being changed as part of the UK Link Programme delivery under the Gemini Consequential Change stream of work.

Changes to the Gemini system are also required as part of the EU Reform Programme work which are required to be delivered in the same timescales as the Project Nexus requirements. There is common functionality within the Gemini system which is impacted by both sets of changes and therefore the dependencies between both programmes are being managed closely.

Up until now we have been able to keep both projects separate through the build and system test phases. The code is being combined to perform UAT and Industry Market Trials so although testing will naturally be focussed on programme specific functionality, it will be visible and tested in the wider context.

The current plan is to implement the combined EU and UKLP GCC changes on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and complete a parameter/configuration change as part of the UKLP cutover on 1<sup>st</sup> October to set the functionality live on Gemini

If the UK Link Programme delivery is delayed we are still able to deliver EU Reform in September as planned by implementing the combined code base but the UKLP GCC component of the code will be dormant until the UK Link Programme is delivered.

It is not possible to implement the combined code base with the UKLP Gemini consequential change component live and the EU Reform component dormant. Therefore if there is a delay to the delivery of the EU Reform Programme once the code is combined in April it will cause a delay to the UK Link Programme.

The UK Link Programme delivery carries a much higher risk profile with significant overlap and parallel running of phases. The EU programme is being delivered on proven technology with a much lower risk profile.

A query was also raised in the same meeting on the impacts if the current challenge to revert the gas day back to a 6am start was successful, does Xoserve understand the impacts. Having done the analysis to move the gas day to a 5am start, Xoserve understand what would be required to change back to 6am but this would not be possible in the current delivery timescales. If this change is successful it would impact the EU delivery and have a knock on effect to the delivery of UK Link Programme on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015.