

Workgroup Terms of Reference

0495 - Introduction of a Change Board for the UNC

Date referred from Panel: 17 April 2014

Background – Why Change?

Please refer to www.gasgovernance.co.uk/0495

Solution

This modification has been raised to address concerns that decisions on whether to recommend implementation of any modifications is subject to the decision making of a small subset of industry participants. It proposes comprehensive changes to the governance arrangements intended to more accurately represent the interests of affected parties in making decisions about modification proposals.

The introduction of a Change Board will allow a more inclusive process in concluding how recommendations for modifications should be determined. It will prevent the use of a block or tactical voting by any group of panel members by ensuring that all those who are interested in the outcome of the modification have a say in determining whether a modification should be recommended for implementation or otherwise.

Topics for Discussion

- Understanding the objective
- Consideration of licence conditions
- Assessment of alternative means to achieve objective
- Development of Solution (including business rules if appropriate)
- Assessment of potential impacts of the modification
- Assessment of implementation costs
- Assessment of legal text.

Outputs

Produce a Workgroup Report for submission to the Modification Panel, containing the assessment and recommendations of the Workgroup.

Composition of Workgroup

The Workgroup is open to any party that wishes to attend or participate.

A Workgroup meeting will be quorate provided at least two Transporter and two User representatives are present.

Meeting Arrangements

Meetings will be administered by the Joint Office and conducted in accordance with the Code Administration Code of Practice