

Investment Committee: summary minutes

14 July 2010, 09.30am

Members attending

Simon Bowles (Chair)
Mike Shipp
Veronica Povey,
Mike Wells
Robert Humm
Craig Pemberton
Gerry Friell
Simon Smith
Judy Greevy
Louise McCarthy
Mike Norgrove (by phone)

Invitees

Steve Lamey
Claire Emery
Neil Ward (by phone)
Theresa Middleton

Secretariat

Peter Hankins

Apologies

Carol Bristow
Jon Fundrey

1 Minutes and matters arising

The minutes were agreed and the action points reviewed.

2 Austerity measures

Veronica Povey presented a paper which set out proposed savings from the DTP, highlighted some areas for discussion, and put forward recommendations from the ICT Review panel. The committee recorded its appreciation of the work done by programmes and generally endorsed the recommendations in the paper. It was agreed that XBRL should continue, subject to a challenge to find a further £2m of savings from the C&E programme over and above any savings that might be found from reusing existing HMRC Pega licenses. It was also agreed that work on SCRx Release 8 should stop and the funds returned for contribution to the HMRC austerity challenge. The project should be referred to PSN for reconsideration.

3 Benefits and Credits

Claire Emery and Steve Lamey presented the Business Case, introducing the four projects which made up the programme. The committee approved the Business Case, agreeing that GRO in particular should be taken forward, but asked that it be updated to make the link to the Spending Review and associated benefits more transparent. It was noted that the programme was still subject to Cabinet Office

agreement to an exception from the general ICT freeze.

4 MPPC3

Neil Ward introduced the business case, explaining the main variances which had occurred and how further work on NPS would be taken forward. Formal closure had been agreed and was now approaching. The committee signed off the business case. Some further work would be done before final submission to the Treasury.

5. NPS Recovery/Stabilisation

Theresa Middleton presented the paper, explaining the work that needed to be done on NPS. Figures for costs were currently best estimates, but a decision was needed now in order to achieve delivery in April. The committee agreed that funding of £7.1m should be allocated from DTP for IT and consultancy needs and the NPS Recovery/Stabilisation programme would form a new programme within the DTP portfolio. BAU costs associated with additional printing and postage were still under consideration with the relevant Lobs/Chiefs.

6. Report from Change Delivery Committee

Mike Shipp reported discussions at the two CDC meetings which had been held, covering Data Security, where CDC had acted on a request from Investment Committee, Carter, PaceSetter, and Aurora. CDC was taking steps to enhance its risk management, with a high-level view of all changes.

7. AOB and Forward Look

The Forward Look was reviewed and amended.