



# 4G WAN Coverage Improvement

DCC conclusions on the delivery plan

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# 1. Background and context

1. The purpose of this document is to conclude the Data Communication Company's (DCC's) recent consultation on its plan to develop and maximise the 4G Wide Area Network (WAN) coverage to align to DCC's commitment of 99.25%, along with implementing some further improvement opportunities on coverage assurance.<sup>1</sup>
2. DCC was directed by the Secretary of State under Condition 13B of the Smart Meter Communication Licence (LC13B) to prepare a draft of such a plan. This plan shall set out and describe the activities that DCC will undertake and the deliverables it will produce to deliver the plan, along with the timelines and interim milestones for these and any dependencies there may be. This plan shall also include the key milestones around assurance of the coverage uplift and the continued reliability of the coverage checker. DCC is required to submit its plan to the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ) (the Department) following appropriate consultation with SEC Parties and the SEC Panel.

## 1.1. Background to this consultation

3. The DCC is Britain's key enabler to a future smart energy system. DCC is licensed by the Government and regulated by the energy regulator Ofgem to connect smart meters in homes and small businesses across Great Britain to a single secure, digital network. DCC supports the roll-out of second-generation (Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS) 2) smart meters, as well as the migration of existing first-generation (SMETS1) meters onto its network.
4. The operation of smart meters is reliant on them being able to communicate with DCC through the WAN. The WAN connects individual premises to the DCC network and carries the messages between smart meters and the DCC Systems. Since its inception, DCC has utilised 2G/3G mobile communications technology in the Central and South Geographical Regions and long-range radio (LRR) technology in the North Geographical Region for SMETS2 meters.
5. DCC has since progressed its Communications Hubs and Networks (CH&N) Programme to deliver futureproofed smart meter infrastructure through the development of 4G Communication Hubs (CHs) and 4G WAN. The initial batch of 4G CHs were installed in the Central and South Geographical Regions from December 2024 as part of certain early testing and an Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) phase. Following the successful delivery of the IPV phase, mass manufacture of 4G Communications Hubs was approved by the Department to begin in April 2025. 4G CHs were subsequently introduced to the North Geographical Region via the Future Connectivity North (FCN) Programme on 30 May 2025.
6. Prior to and during CH&N IPV phase, DCC carried out assurance work on the solution to validate the level of coverage its 4G solution was achieving in practice. This work concluded that the level of coverage likely to be achieved would be lower than DCC's commitment of 99.25% coverage. DCC took the decision to temporarily restrict the number of premises to those where it could assure with high confidence that connectivity would be supported pending the development of its 4G WAN Coverage Improvement plan. DCC has been working with its Service Providers, with support from its independent assurance expert, to develop this plan to achieve its level of assured 4G WAN coverage.

## 1.2. Consultation responses and next steps

7. The consultation, which ran from 9 October 2025 to 14 November 2025, sought views on DCC's plan to develop and maximise the 4G WAN coverage and implement some further improvement opportunities on coverage assurance.

<sup>1</sup> [4G WAN Coverage Improvement consultation on the delivery plan | Smart DCC](#)

8. A summary of the comments received and DCC's responses to these are set out in Section 2 of this document. DCC has made some changes to the plan that it consulted upon, and these are set out in Section 3 of this document. The full plan being submitted to the Department for approval is set out in Appendix A of this document.
9. DCC submitted its conclusions and its updated plan to the Secretary of State on 9 January 2026. Subject to the Department's approval of the plan, DCC will initiate a request with the Department's Implementation Managers Forum (IMF) to add relevant Milestones to the Joint Industry Plan (JIP).

## 2. Analysis of responses

10. DCC received seven responses to this consultation: five from Large Suppliers, one from a Network Party and one from the SEC Panel.
11. DCC has analysed the feedback provided. This section sets out an overview of the responses received to this consultation and DCC's response.

### 2.1. Question 1

12. DCC sought views on its proposed plan and associated milestones for enabling and maximising 4G WAN coverage.

**Q1**

Do you agree with the proposed milestones relating to enabling and maximising 4G WAN coverage?

#### Respondent views

13. All the respondents were broadly supportive of the proposed approach and milestones, considering this to be a sensible, proportionate and pragmatic approach to meeting DCC's coverage commitment. One respondent noted this will help ensure that coverage improvements are delivered efficiently while maintaining flexibility for further enhancement if required. Another respondent noted strong and stable coverage is a necessity for the 4G switchover, especially for prepayment consumers, and encouraged DCC to explore any opportunities to move these 'to the left'.
14. One respondent highlighted the testing schedule, noting this would fall over the December holiday period when resource availability would be low due to people being on leave. The respondent requested that testing milestones avoided this period.
15. One respondent noted DCC's position that roaming will be enabled via changes to the 4G WAN delivered through its Service Providers, and that no firmware updates or User-visible changes are expected. They sought clarity on when and how DCC will confirm these expectations, particularly to ensure that Parties can plan appropriately and avoid unforeseen impacts.
16. One respondent noted a lack of detail regarding the potential cost impacts for Parties and industry stakeholders that could ultimately be passed on to consumers. They believed a clear understanding of these impacts would be essential to support effective planning and budgeting, ensure transparency, and evaluate any financial implications for end users.
17. One respondent sought clarity on which network providers DCC is considering for roaming purposes, having heard two different providers referenced in different forums. They raised concerns about the potential coverage improvement that would result depending on which provider was utilised.
18. One respondent expressed concerns on the coverage checker disparities between the different technology types. They sought for the improvements within the coverage checker to consider this.

#### DCC response

19. DCC welcomes the broadly supportive feedback on its proposed approach and milestones for developing and maximising the 4G WAN coverage to 99.25%. It has taken on board considerations both from the responses on the draft plan issued for consultation and via its engagement with the SEC Sub-Committees on this. DCC acknowledges both the drive to pull milestones to the left where possible to deliver the benefit quickly and the request to provide quality assurance on the outcome. This will be responded to in the following paragraphs.
20. DCC has listened to the concerns raised in the responses to this consultation regarding the testing schedule for the roaming capability deployment. DCC has moved the testing schedule into the new

year to avoid this falling over the Christmas and New Year period. The testing scope for Pre-Integration Testing (PIT) will remain unchanged but will run over fewer weeks as the laboratory that DCC has commissioned for this was closed for a proportion of the Christmas and New Year period.

21. DCC has also listened to feedback from the Testing Advisory Group (TAG) at its meeting on 26 November regarding the testing window and the scope of testing. The User Integration Testing (UIT) window will be increased from one week to two weeks. DCC has also increased the scope of testing for Systems Integration Testing (SIT) and User Integrated Testing (UIT). The logistics to provision the capability to increase the scope has pushed the timelines out from the original ambition of January.
22. DCC presented the option of a Roaming Proof of Concept (POC) to the Operations Group (OPSG) at its meeting on 9 December 2025. The POC will enable DCC to build additional assurance and provide early confidence ahead of formal testing. It is targeted specifically at resolving non-communicating communication hub (CH) and optional Install & Commission in areas with only with the Three Network, giving suppliers the flexibility to test processes in practice. Given the scope, it is very low risk and will deliver operational and consumer benefit. The arrangements for the POC will be managed via OPSG, who have supported the proposal. Running the POC at this stage will provide early learning and strengthen industry confidence. In parallel it will help validate operational readiness and ensure that subsequent formal testing is more efficient and effective. This POC has been included in our delivery plan set out in Appendix A.
23. The culmination of the above changes now means that the roaming solution will be deployed by 7 April 2026. We have updated the corresponding dates in the delivery plan set out in Appendix A accordingly.
24. The 4G CH has been designed and built in full compliance with 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) standards, including its roaming capability. To demonstrate this, DCC has secured independent certification from the Global Certification Forum (GCF), confirming the device meets roaming requirements. In addition, DCC has commissioned laboratory testing with its Service Provider's roaming partner to validate performance under real-world conditions. These activities combined with the POC will provide strong assurance that no firmware update will be required for the 4G CHs. Any future firmware changes are not expected to be a dependency. This work will be confirmed by 4 March 2026. DCC can confirm the changes are transparent to the users and there are no required actions or changes into the customer tools or processes.
25. DCC is working with its Service Providers to ensure they meet their contractual obligations, including delivering roaming. Based on the latest data there will be a requirement for further incremental coverage improvement. DCC will conduct an options analysis in consultation with its customers. Any associated costs will be assessed and considered as part of this analysis and will influence DCC's preferred option. Costs incurred by DCC will be subject to Ofgem's review under the established annual price control process.
26. DCC and its Service Provider have assessed roaming options and are continuing to assess multi-provider roaming solutions.
27. DCC will address the known issues within the coverage checker via the activities under the coverage checker improvements milestones within its delivery plan.

## 2.2. Question 2

28. DCC sought views on its proposed plan and associated milestones for the delivery of further improvement activities.

**Q2**

Do you agree with the proposed milestones relating to the delivery of further improvement activities?

## Respondent views

29. All the respondents were broadly supportive of the proposed approach and milestones. One respondent noted that the timing seemed appropriate, enabling sufficient evaluation of real-world coverage performance before deciding on further investment. They also supported the data-driven approach to ensure future enhancements are justified and deliver measurable system benefits. One respondent encouraged DCC to move any milestones to the left where possible, particularly the presentation of further improvement options, as the sooner these are presented and agreed, the sooner the development work required to implement them can commence.
30. One respondent considered that additional information is needed, particularly on the In-Life Assurance Methodology being developed with DCC's independent expert, which is intended to confirm that the 4G network is delivering the expected service. They believed this information will become clearer over time, supported by the planned engagement with SEC Sub-Committees, and wanted to ensure that the appropriate experts could engage fully in detailed discussions.
31. Another respondent expected that DCC would share its In-Life WAN Assurance Reports beyond the SEC Panel as stipulated in the consultation. They considered this should be extended to a wider audience such as the OPSG and the Technical Architecture & Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC).
32. One respondent noted that the milestones seemed reasonable although highlighted that they are just to provide the options to the industry and not on a binding implementation of those options, which will be subject to further engagement and consultation. They considered the 'do-nothing' option would mean DCC will not be able to provide adequate WAN coverage to enable the existing enrolment obligation to be met or for Users to be able to replace devices losing connectivity due to the end of their generation of communications. As such, they considered there is no 'do nothing' option available here.

## DCC response

33. DCC is committed to meeting the revised milestones within the plan whilst providing transparency and listening to customers. Whilst DCC recognises the request to bring forward the presentation of further improvements, the DCC would like to add an additional milestone to complete bi-lateral customer engagements in January 2026. The purpose of these will be to obtain customer feedback and incorporate the feedback into the scoring of the potential options for the uplift in coverage. These options will then be presented through the relevant sub-committees in February 2026.
34. More detailed information will be shared on the In-Life Assurance Methodology in January 2026 (revised from November 2026 to align implementing the In-Life WAN Assurance Report). A further milestone has been added to republish this by the end of May 2026. This first milestone reflects the initial rerunning of the IPV analysis in January 2026 (the In-Life WAN Assurance Report). The secondary milestone reflects the progression and refinement of the methodology as the other continuous improvement activities set out in the delivery plan are brought into in-life. We expect this to represent the enduring assurance arrangement for the 4G WAN and will publish this updated methodology at the end of May.
35. DCC will extend the audience of the In-Life WAN Assurance Report to include the OPSG and the TABASC as suggested by the consultation respondent. This will be reflected in the customer engagement plan.
36. The proposed delivery plan includes the coverage checker improvements to ensure improved visibility of WAN coverage across different technologies so that customers can adequately plan their implementation. The output of this work may lead to subsequent review of any additional work for WAN coverage; this will be done in consultation with industry and based on cost benefit analysis. This will include a do-nothing option.

## 2.3. Question 3

37. DCC sought views on whether there are any further milestones that are missing from its plan.

**Q3**

Do you consider there to be any additional milestones needed that are missing from this plan?

### Respondent views

38. Most respondents did not consider there to be any further milestones to add to the plan.
39. One of these respondents recommended DCC maintains a mechanism for continued stakeholder engagement after implementation. This could include periodic reporting of real-world coverage performance and consultation on any further coverage uplift initiatives.
40. Another of these respondents acknowledged DCC's position that further milestones for coverage improvements beyond roaming cannot be defined until the assessment determines whether they are needed. While they considered this to be a pragmatic approach, they noted it is essential that DCC maintains clear communication and transparency as these elements evolve. They considered it important to ensure that stakeholders can prepare for possible next steps as soon as possible and to ensure readiness across the industry.
41. Two respondents suggested additional milestones that could be added to the plan:
- One respondent noted there wasn't a milestone for live roaming switch-on. Consumers may see a step-change in connectivity at the point of live roaming switch-on, and it would be useful for Suppliers to know when this will happen.
  - One respondent noted that the industry is awaiting information on what related costs will be funded by the Service Providers, due to failing to achieve their contractual coverage. They believed a milestone for gaining clarity on this topic would be relevant and important.
  - One respondent considered that, while slightly tangential, a milestone for DCC to confirm timeframes for presenting its "beyond 4G CH strategy" would be helpful for industry to enable strategic decision making.
  - One respondent requested milestones setting out how gaps in WAN coverage when moving from both the LRR and 2G/3G solutions to the 4G solution will be addressed and met by these new options. They believed the work on improving 4G coverage should be looking to all aspects where WAN provision is either missing or needing work to overcome.
42. One of these respondents noted improvements that are required to provide consistency in the coverage checker across technologies and wanted certainty that this would be considered.
43. Separately, one respondent noted disappointment that the actual 4G coverage being provided was lower than the 99.25% national coverage DCC had committed to. They considered DCC needs to deliver on its proposed improvement plan and ensure that its 4G WAN Provider delivers the necessary coverage promised. Further, they did not expect DCC to rely on the Virtual Wide Area Network (VWAN) solution in areas that have no coverage or to account for the gradual 2G network switch off by Mobile Network Operators (MNOs).

### DCC response

44. DCC will continue to provide regular updates on the 4G network's performance with the industry after the completion of this delivery plan. To provide confidence back to stakeholders, DCC will include a further milestone to republish the In-Life Assurance Methodology in May 2026, which will stipulate the frequency that industry can expect regular reporting on and at which forums this will be presented at. DCC will also carry out a review of the status of this methodology within the SEC framework and will discuss this with the industry.

45. The requirement from respondents for clarity regarding any potential further coverage uplift is understandable. It is for this reason that DCC will be presenting an options analysis prior to the delivery and subsequent assurance of the roaming benefit. DCC will ensure the industry is provided with sufficient notice for operational readiness.
46. The roaming go-live is captured through the coverage checker update which will be completed by 7 April 2026 (see our response to question 1 above for more details). This will happen as part of the 'Roaming Solution: Coverage Database Updated' milestone in the plan in Appendix A.
47. DCC notes the suggestion for a milestone relating to information on costs. Please see our response to question 1 for details on DCC's approach to the costs.
48. DCC understands the industry's requirement for an additional milestone relating to the 'Beyond 4G' strategy. As such, we have included a new milestone to the plan for DCC to set out its outline strategy on this in May 2026.
49. DCC can confirm that customer requirements on the coverage checker will be taken into consideration for all WAN technologies and the DCC will ensure improvements to the coverage checker account for this requirement. The output of this work may lead to subsequent review of any additional work for WAN coverage.
50. In the In-Life Assurance Methodology, DCC will establish that the coverage checker will be continuously refined in collaboration with the Service Provider to ensure it remains as accurate as possible. While the coverage checker provides a prediction, there will inevitably be a small number of cases where premises shown as covered do not receive WAN signal. To address this, when a Supplier raises a No-WAN incident, DCC will update the coverage checker to reflect the actual coverage position. Additionally, DCC will monitor No-WAN incidents and share relevant information with its Service Provider to support ongoing improvements to prediction accuracy.
51. DCC has contracted to 99.25% coverage with its 4G WAN Provider and is working with its partners to deliver that commitment. DCC did carry out assurance work on the 4G solution to validate the level of coverage it was achieving in practice. However, this could only be completed once there was data from the field to assure against the predicted coverage levels. This work concluded that the level of coverage likely to be achieved by the original solution would be lower than this contracted level, and DCC is working to maximise this through the actions set out in this delivery plan. DCC is also exploring various options for the coverage uplift and is not limited to the VWAN solution.

## 2.4. Question 4

52. DCC sought views on its proposed customer engagement plan for the 4G WAN coverage improvement activities.

**Q4**

Do you agree with the proposed customer engagement plan for the 4G WAN coverage improvement activities?

### Respondent views

53. All the respondents broadly agreed with the customer engagement plan, supporting the intent to provide regular updates, accessible information, opportunities to input, and transparent reporting throughout the delivery period. This is a positive step towards ensuring all Parties are fully prepared and informed.
54. One respondent encouraged DCC to maintain proactive and transparent communication throughout delivery, ensuring all necessary areas of engagement are effectively covered. This is particularly so as new milestones emerge from the assessment of the levels of coverage being achieved following the implementation of roaming.

55. One respondent commented that DCC should not “boil the ocean” looking for perfect coverage predictions which will never be 100% accurate. They considered DCC should focus on ensuring reliable connectivity to a premise’s smart meters, rather than focusing on a notional 4G coverage metric which provides cases of intermittent connectivity.
56. One respondent reiterated past requests that DCC presents all the options for further coverage uplifts for industry to agree what to take forward, rather than only the preferred solution.
57. One respondent asked for the delivery of the requested coverage overlays between the gaps in coverage from the current WAN solution to that of the 4G solution to be included in the engagement plan.
58. One respondent sought more detail on how connectivity will be assured as the Guaranteed Standards of Performance (GSoP) arrangements are implemented. This will assist and support Suppliers and Users in meeting their GSoP obligations and ensure installs succeed and devices stay connected reliably, which relies on robust and reliable WAN coverage being provided. The respondent recommended considerable work be undertaken on the proposals to provide the ‘suggested technology to use’ and ‘probability of a successful installation’ as they considered both of those need to be clear on what needs to be done and who is responsible if the technology does not work or the installation is not successful. They also don’t want to be provided with options that then places the responsibility of choosing the most suitable solution on the Supplier or the on-site installer, as this could lead to delays and revisits to get the customer a working smart meter.

#### **DCC response**

59. DCC welcomes the positive feedback pertaining to the overall approach, proactiveness and the transparent communication plan stipulated. DCC intends to maintain this approach throughout the delivery of this plan.
60. As the 4G CH roll-out continues, DCC is committed to monitoring and analysing the data from the 4G estate to ensure it meets industry needs in terms of providing reliable connectivity. This approach will be detailed within the In Life Assurance Methodology.
61. DCC can confirm it will present all options being considered for any further coverage uplift. As part of this, DCC will highlight its preferred option and set out the rationale for this view.
62. DCC acknowledges the request for a coverage overlay and this work is being considered as a requirement for the coverage checker requirements workstream, which serves as the operational mechanism for sharing this information with customers.
63. The approach to assuring coverage will be defined in the In-Life Assurance Methodology. While DCC currently holds data on the 4G network to support the GSoP, the methodology will confirm how this data is applied and validated. In addition, DCC is planning improvements to the coverage checker, including a potential enhancement to include the probability of success metric. DCC will continue to work with the industry to identify further opportunities to support coverage assurance. We also note that the Smart Energy Code Company (SECCo) is leading work on the GSoP via the OPSG, which may be relevant to this activity.

### **3. Summary of changes to the plan**

64. After reviewing the responses received, DCC has made the following changes to the proposed delivery plan that we consulted on:
  - The date for the milestone for DCC to publish the In-Life Assurance Methodology has been moved to the end of January 2026. A further milestone has been added to republish this by the end of May 2026. This first milestone reflects the initial rerunning of the IPV analysis in January 2026 (the In-Life WAN Assurance Report). The secondary milestone reflects the progression and

refinement of the methodology as the other continuous improvement activities set out in the delivery plan are brought into in-life. We expect this to represent the enduring assurance arrangement for the 4G WAN and will publish this updated methodology at the end of May.

- Two new milestones have been added for the start and end of the POC.
  - The dates for the milestones for PIT, SIT, UIT and the coverage database update for the roaming solution have been changed to avoid testing over the Christmas and New Year period. The solution will now be deployed by 7 April 2026.
  - Due to the change of date for the deployment of the roaming solution, the milestone for completing assurance on the coverage achieved by this has been moved to July 2026. Consequently, the milestone for DCC to present its preferred way forward on further coverage uplifts and the accompanying control point have also moved to July 2026, as the outcomes of the assurance may be factored into this decision.
  - The DCC has also added a milestone for completing customer bilaterals to input into the deployment options for the final uplift in January 2026. This pushes presenting the deployment options to February 2026.
  - A new milestone has been added for DCC to publish its strategy on 'Beyond 4G' by the end of May 2026.
65. The plan that DCC is submitting to the Department for approval can be found in Appendix A of this document.

## 4. Next steps

66. DCC is of the view that it has had appropriate engagement and consultation with industry on its proposed plan to develop and maximise the 4G WAN coverage across Great Britain. As the responses to the consultation and engagement in industry were broadly supportive of the proposed plan, DCC has submitted this to the Department for approval.
67. DCC has, where necessary, addressed the comments that have been received from industry. DCC does not believe that the views expressed result in fundamental amendments to the proposed plan and, as such, further consultation is neither necessary nor appropriate.
68. Following the Department's decision on this plan, DCC will initiate a request with the IMF to add or amend the relevant Milestones on the JIP.

# Appendix A – 4G WAN Coverage Improvement delivery plan milestones

This table sets out the proposed milestones for the delivery of increased 4G WAN coverage that are being submitted to the Department for approval.

Ref	Milestone	Description	Date
1	<b>Roaming Solution: POC Begins</b>	Latest date by which the POC will begin.	19 Jan 26
2	<b>In Life Assurance Methodology Published</b>	Latest date by which DCC will have published its initial policy and process which details how it will use real in-life data deemed relevant to assure that the 4G communications network is providing the expected service necessary for its customers to install smart meters with confidence.  This document will be maintained and updated as continuous improvements are implemented.	30 Jan 26
3	<b>In-Life WAN Assurance Report Implemented</b>	Latest date by which DCC will share a summary of the first iteration of its In-Life WAN Assurance Report with the SEC Panel and nominated Sub-Committees.	30 Jan 26
4	<b>Further Coverage Uplift: Customer Bilaterals Completed</b>	Latest date by when DCC will have engaged customers to get the customer impact on the potential options that could be used to implement further coverage improvements and its cost-benefit analysis of these (including a do-nothing option) to the SEC Panel or nominated Sub-Committee(s). The overview of these will be presented in Milestone 18.	30 Jan 26
5	<b>Further Coverage Uplift: Deployment Options Presented</b>	Latest date by when DCC will have presented its view of potential options to implement further coverage improvements and its cost-benefit analysis of these (including a do-nothing option) to the SEC Panel or nominated Sub-Committee(s). The decision on whether to take any forward will be made as part of Milestone 18	27 Feb 26
6	<b>Coverage Checker Improvements: Customer Requirements Gathering Kick Off</b>	Latest date by which DCC will have set out to the SEC Panel or nominated Sub Committee(s) its initial view of options for improving the current coverage database and gather customer requirements for future improvement.	17 Feb 26
7	<b>Roaming Solution: SIT Entry</b>	Latest date by which SIT starts for all Service Providers.	26 Feb 26
8	<b>Roaming Solution: POC Ends</b>	Latest date by which the POC will finish. The output will be shared with OPSG.	09 Mar 26
9	<b>Roaming Solution: SIT Exit</b>	Latest date by which a SIT completion decision for all Service Providers is made by the SEC Panel, with support from the TAG.	13 Mar 26
10	<b>Roaming Solution: UIT Entry</b>	Latest date by which User testing starts in the UIT-A environment.	17 Mar 26
11	<b>Roaming Solution: UIT Exit</b>	Latest date by when the User testing window in the UIT-A environment will close.	31 Mar 26

Ref	Milestone	Description	Date
12	<b>Roaming Solution: Coverage Database Updated</b>	Latest date by which the 4G coverage database will be updated to include the additional premises which will be covered following implementation of the roaming solution.	07 Apr 26
13	<b>Prediction Methodology Refinement Process Implemented</b>	Latest date by which DCC will provide a summary of any of the changes that have been made to the prediction methodology from the CSP based on actual coverage data to the SEC Panel or nominated Sub-Committee(s). This will be dependent on enough data having first been captured.	30 Apr 26
14	<b>In Life Assurance Methodology Republished</b>	Latest date by which DCC will have re-published its refined policy and process which details how it will use real in life data deemed relevant to assure that the 4G communications network is providing the expected service necessary for its customers to install smart meters with confidence and have enduring service.  The republishing of the document will include the continuous improvements detailed within this delivery plan for WAN coverage improvements and will set out the cadence on when regular in-life reporting will occur.	29 May 26
15	<b>DCC's 'Beyond 4G' Outline Strategy Published</b>	Date by which DCC, with input from its customers, will set out its established 'Beyond 4G' strategy to help inform decision making.	29 May 26
16	<b>Coverage Checker Improvements: Customer Requirements Gathered</b>	Latest date by which DCC will present its analysis and proposed improvements to the coverage database for agreement by the SEC Panel or nominated Sub Committee(s).	29 May 26
17	<b>Roaming Solution: Coverage Assurance Completed</b>	Latest date by which DCC will have completed assurance that the predicted coverage that has been reflected in the coverage database following deployment of the roaming solution is being achieved in practice.	31 Jul 26
18	<b>Further Coverage Uplift: Preferred Way Forward Agreed</b>	Latest date by which DCC will present to the SEC Panel or its nominated Sub-Committee(s) its assessment of which further measures are required following the introduction of roaming, and which option(s) are optimal to achieve its objective.	31 Jul 26
19	<b>Control Point (Further Coverage Uplift)</b>	Date by which DCC will confirm whether further consultation is required to update future milestones in this plan following its decision on implementing further coverage improvements.	31 Jul 26