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#### **Background**

On 30 March 2011, the Government with Ofgem jointly published the Government's Response to the Smart Meter Prospectus. This set out a number of key dates relating to the rollout of smart meters in Great Britain.

In December 2011 the DECC programme published a high level view of the Delivery Plan. The high level plan was aimed at communicating the broad direction to be followed by the Programme. The plan made no contingency for slippage.

Joint working by DECC, the energy industry and stakeholders has enabled good progress to be made. This includes:

- the process for procuring the data and communications services advancing throughout 2012, with bidders currently in the Invitation to Submit Detailed Solutions phase;
- completion of the EU notification for the first version of the technical specifications for smart gas and electricity meters and IHDs;
- a consultation on the second version of the technical specifications for the rollout of smart gas and electricity metering;
- the DCC Prohibition Order and Licence Application Regulations coming into effect;
- launch of the DCC licence competition; and
- publication of Government consultation responses, providing further detail on the regulatory framework for roll-out and the approach to roll-out monitoring, consumer engagement and protection.

DECC has engaged with delivery partners throughout 2012 and the plan has now been updated to take account several changes. The overall timetable to complete roll out by the end of 2019 has been maintained. A review of the plan will be conducted again during the first half of 2013 in light of updated information from the procurement dialogues.

### **Planning Adjustments**

The purpose of this document is to publish an updated high level view of the Smart Meters delivery plan. The updated plan is illustrated below.

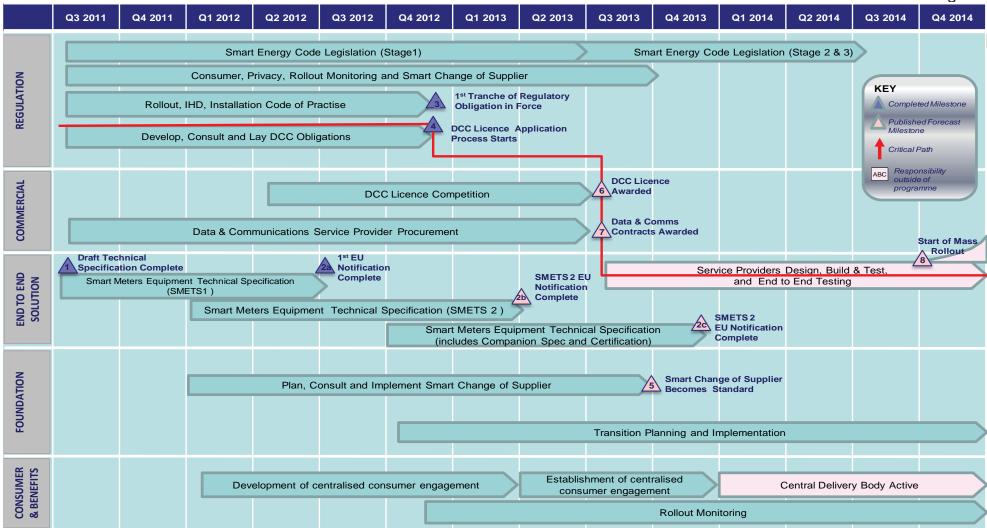
Adjustments of about three months have been made to a number of points on the illustrated plan and in particular in relation to: Data and Communications Company Licence Award, the procurement activity for Data and Communications Service Providers, and the development of Smart Meter Equipment Technical Specifications.

The contract and licence award dates have moved from the end of April 2013 to the end of July 2013. The completion of the notification of the second technical specification to the European Commission was planned for December 2012 and under current plans will be around three months later. An additional deliverable has been added following consultation with industry. This will lead to a further notification process which as the plan indicates is targeted to complete in December 2013.

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