**Sewerage Adoption Panel**

**Meeting on 10 July 2024 at 11.00am via MS Teams**

**In attendance:**

**Victor Olowe – Chair**

**Kate Raybould – Secretary**

**Dan Rees – Thames Water (alternate for Nick Ayling)**

**Gary Boddington – Anglian Water**

**Kenny Mawson – M J Gleeson**

**Alison Tregale – South West Water**

**Sam Vernon – Vistry**

**Gavin Thorne – Barratt Homes**

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|  | **Item** | **Action** |
| 1 | **Introduction and Apologies** The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Jenny Henman, Richard Starritt, Karl Walker and Nick Ayling. Dan Rees was attending the meeting as an alternate for Nick Ayling. It was noted that the meeting was quorate, with the required number of water company and developer members in attendance.  |  |
| 2 | **Declaration of Interests**There were no interests to declare from any of the Panel members. |  |
| 3 | **Waiver of notice and publication period (standing item)**A change proposal from Torrent Water Management had been published on the Panel’s website on 8 July 2024 and therefore the Panel agreed to waive the notice and publication period in order to consider the proposal at this meeting. |  |
| 4 | **Approval of minutes of Panel Meeting held on 30th April 2024**The minutes of the Panel Meeting held on 30th April 2024 were approved for publication subject to a suggested minor amendment and there were no matters arising from the minutes.  |  |
| 5 | **Open Change Proposal*** **Addition of the material HDPE for raising sections to DCG v2.1 E6.7 - Torrent Water Management Ltd**

The Panel discussed the change proposal form received from Torrent Water Management Limited regarding the addition of High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) as a material for cover frame seating rings in relevant sections of the DCG. The Panel noted that the proposal had been published on the Panel’s website on 8th July and therefore the deadline for submission of its recommendation to Ofwat was 8th November 2024.The Panel agreed that the DCG as currently drafted allows for the use of the product under its innovation principle. One water company is currently considering Torrent’s new HDPE ‘TORiser’ product on a trial basis as it has some questions around the asset life of the TORiser and its integrity, in particular identifying suitable replacement products or materials if the TORiser failed in the future. The company has requested an extended maintenance period for the product. The Panel noted that it was not the role of the DCG or the Panel to promote individual products, but rather to provide specifications at an industry level. The DCG already provides routes for manufacturers to discuss new products with companies, as is happening in the previously discussed example. The innovation route is intended to encourage new products and promote sufficient flexibility within the industry. The Panel further noted that the product would need to be acceptable to Highways Authorities in order to comply with the New Roads and Streetworks Act (NRSWA). There also appeared to be some inconsistencies in the references to the DCG and CESWI within the change proposal.After discussion, it was agreed that Torrent should be asked to clarify if it had engaged with Highways Authorities and provide further detail about the testing carried out by WRc to certify the product. The Panel would also consult with its Technical Sub-Group and the WUK Standards Board on the proposal in order to assess whether the proposal is necessary and appropriate at this stage | Ask Torrent to clarify (KR)Draft note to consultees (KR) |
| **6** | **Severn Trent query – SAM 5/1**Severn Trent Water had submitted a minor correction through the new website form, which related to Appendix B Procedures, Stage 5: Maintenance Period & Sewage Sector Guidance, Appendix F Levels of Service and reporting requirements, SAM 5/1 request for pre maintenance inspections. The query has been referred to the LoS Group for review and their response is currently awaited. |  |
| **7** | **AOB*** Following the Panel’s previous discussion on geo-cellular crates, manufacturers have raised further issues with water companies and are arguing that their long-term testing is sufficient. It appears that the issue may be becoming of wider relevance and it was agreed that the Panel would consult with stakeholders to gather more information about the scale of the issue.
* The next meeting will be scheduled for October.
 | Draft note to stakeholders (KR) |

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**Meeting Action Log**

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| **Date of Meeting** | **Action** | **Action Owner** | **Due Date** | **Status** |
| 06/10/22 | CESWI – submit change proposal | WRc/CESWI Group | 30/11/22 | On hold |
| Vistry change proposal – write to Vistry re: division/group query | KR | 11/10/22 | Complete |
| Vistry change proposal – draft email for consultation | KR/All | 14/10/22 | Complete |
| ToR – comment on draft change proposal | All | 11/10/22 | Complete  |
| ToR – submit change proposal to Ofwat | VO/KR | 14/10/22 | Complete |
| NAV rep on Panel – discuss with Ofwat | KR | 10/10/22 | Complete |
| BPF query on website – respond | KR | 21/10/22 | Complete |
| 19/12/22 | BPF change proposal – write to BPF to clarify | KR | 15/01/22 | Complete |
| Vistry change proposal – provide comments on diagram | RS | 11/01/22 | Complete |
| Vistry change proposal – request extension from Ofwat | KR | 23/12/22 | Complete |
| WIS IGN – update Panel website | KR | 11/01/22 | Complete |
| CESWI project – speak to WUK | KR | 11/01/22 | Complete |
| Website – speak to Vu  | KR | 11/02/22 | Complete |
| Tidying amendments – collate list | All | 28/02/22 | Superceded |
| 31/03/23 | CESWI – chase WRc/WUK | KR | 30/04/23 | Complete |
| BPF change proposal – draft email to Sub-Group | KR | 12/04/23 | Complete |
| BPF change proposal – request extension | KR | 12/04/23 | Complete |
| Chris Faulkner change proposal – write to CF to clarify | KR | 12/04/23 | Complete |
| Arrange next meeting | KR | 30/04/23 | Complete |
| 09/06/23 | BPF change proposal – suggest wording for C7.1.2 | NA | 12/06/23 | Complete |
| BPF change proposal – draft letter to Ofwat and circulate | KR | 12/06/23 | Complete |
| Chris Faulkner change proposal – draft letter to Ofwat | KR | 31/07/23 | Complete |
| Ofwat meeting – email KR with topics | All | 28/06/23 | Complete |
| 10/11/23 | JDP change proposal – draft email to WRc and circulate | KR | 17/11/23 | Complete |
| Homes England – draft response and circulate | KR | 17/11/23 | Complete |
| Adoption of STWs – collate details and circulate | GT | 30/11/23 |  |
| Adoption of STWs – review by Panel | All | 29/09/24 |  |
| Attenuation crates – draft email to CIRIA and circulate | KR | 17/11/23 | Complete |
| NAVs – provide details of scenario | GT/All | 30/11/23 | Superceded |
| WUK PDaS query – circulate for comment | KR | 10/11/23 | Complete |
| Code updates – chase WUK | KR | 10/11/23 | Complete |
| New Connections Committee – attend meeting | KR | 28/11/23 | Complete |
| 12/01/24 | CESWI update – liaise with WRc and WUK re: WRc costs | KR | 19/01/24 | Complete |
| CESWI update – ask WUK to add note to DCG re: update | KR | 31/01/24 | Complete |
| JDP change proposal – draft letter to Ofwat and circulate | KR | 15/01/24 | Complete |
| Tidying amends – liaise with Vu Online | KR | 19/01/24 | Complete |
| Adoption of STWs – include note in tidying amends | NA/KR | 30/04/24 |  |
| Mission Rubber – respond to queries | KR | 15/01/24 | Complete |
| Geocellular crates – update email to CIRIA and circulate | KR | 19/01/24 | Complete |
| Meeting with Ofwat – email Panel for items | KR | 26/01/24 | Complete |
| 30/04/24 | Geocellular crates – ask CIRIA for info on testing | KR | 31/05/24 | Complete |
| SAM 5/1 – raise with LoS Group | AT | 31/05/24 | Complete |
| 10/07/24 | Torrent change proposal – ask Torrent to clarify re: HAs and WRc testing | KR | 31/07/24 | Complete |
| Torrent change proposal – draft note for consultation | KR | 31/07/24 | Complete |
| Geocellular crates – draft note to stakeholders | KR | 31/07/24 |  |