

DCAB018

Agenda



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- 3) **DIP Manager Change Report**, Sean Dryden-Woods (SDW)
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Welcome and apologies

Helen Bird, DCAB Chair

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DIP Manager System Report

Ayi Edet, Product Owner DIP

DIP Manager System Report

The DIP Manager continues to progress delivery of 12 system changes across DIP and the DIP Portal.

- Next scheduled release: 13 August 2026
- August release scope refined following delivery, testing and design review activities.
- Majority of August items are now complete, in testing, or progressing through development.
- Replay-related functionality has been removed from the August release scope pending archive and retention review.

Key Update

- An ad hoc DCAB was held to review consultation responses to **DCR0020 – Data Retention Duration**.
- Consultation responses confirmed the archive cost issue is understood but did not support reducing retention directly from **2 years to 90 days** without further evidence.
- Further analysis will now be undertaken with industry, Code Bodies and Market Design to assess replay/requeue requirements by interface and business process.
- DCR0020 will not proceed in its current form.

DIP Manager System Report – August Release

S/N	Change	Change Description	DCR No	Development Stage	RAG	Testing Type
1	SUR Alphanumeric Validation	Enforces a standard alphanumeric format for Supplier Unique References (SURs) to improve data quality and consistency.	DCR0019	Done	G	Internal + External
2	Retry & Back-off Interval Update	Optimises retry behaviour and back-off intervals to improve resilience during temporary service disruptions.	DCRxxx	Done	G	Internal
3	REP900 Swagger Update (v008 → v009)	Updates DIP API documentation to align with current message schemas and implementation standards.	DCR0018	Done	G	Internal
4	DLQ Alerting Improvements	Enhances monitoring and alerting for failed or delayed message processing.	DCRxxx	Done	G	Internal
5	Duplicate SUR Feedback	Provides clearer feedback when duplicate SURs are submitted, improving issue resolution and user experience.	DCRxxx	In Testing	A	Internal + External
6	Portal Dashboards (Ops & System Reporting)	Introduces operational and system dashboards to improve service visibility, monitoring and assurance reporting	DCRxxx	Build (In progress)	A	Internal
7	Reporting Data Platform Enablement	Establishes the reporting data platform foundation to support operational, assurance and performance reporting.	DCRxxx	Backlog	A	Internal
8	Download MP List & Roles	Enables download of Market Participant and role information from the DIP Portal.	DCRxxx	Testing	G	Internal
9	Portal Announcements Section	Provides a central location for service updates, communications and operational notices.	DCRxxx	Done	G	Internal
10	L1/L2 Validation (Future Timestamp)	Prevents invalid messages containing future-dated timestamps from progressing through the platform.	DCRxxx	Done	G	Internal + External
11	Align Retry Behaviour (HTTP Codes)	Aligns retry processing with supported HTTP response codes to improve delivery reliability and consistency.	DCRxxx	Done	G	Internal
12	<i>Blob Index Tag Migration, Replay/Requeue Alignment</i>	Reduces archive storage costs and supports redesign of replay/requeue capability through a revised archive architecture.	DCR0020	Build (In progress)	A	Internal

August Release Overall Position

Release Approach & Overall Position

Approach

- Single consolidated August release

Benefits

- Reduced delivery risk
- More complete testing and assurance
- Clear participant communications

Overall Position

- Delivery remains broadly on track for August.
- Majority of August scope either complete or progressing through testing.
- Replay/Requeue capability no longer included in August release.

Focus Areas

- August release readiness
- Operational reporting capability
- Archive strategy and retention review

August Release Industry Testing

Scope for participants

- SUR Validation [1] – SUR format validated at L1 DIP
 - SUR field will be validated to ensure compliance with the field definition
- Timestamp Validation [10] – L1 Validation
 - DIP Validation will be applied to the Sender Datetime field to remove future datetimes
- Performance Dashboard updates [6,7]
 - The updated performance dashboards allow DIP Users to see their performance at L3/L4. It enables them to see if they are compliant with the SLAs in the DIP Rules. It also allows DIP Users to see why (if any) their messages are not meeting the SLA - allowing them to enhance their own systems- incentivising improvements

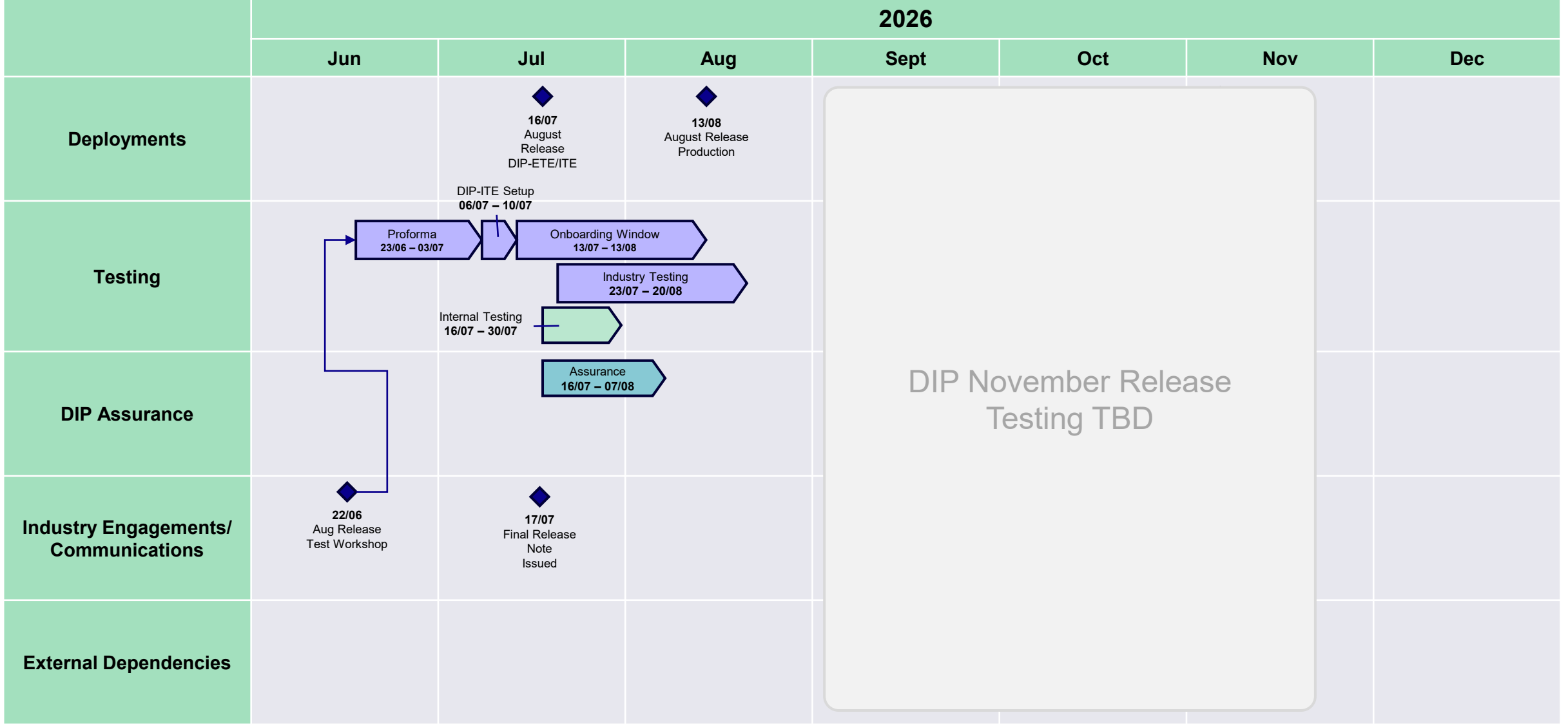
Note: [x] references are to the [DIP Manager System Report](#) table rows

August Release Industry Testing

Timeline

- 09/06 : DCAB Update on the August Industry Testing
- 19/06 : TOG Update on the August Industry Testing
- 22/06 : DIP Manager August Release Testing Workshop (Review of application process and timelines)
- 23/06 – 03/07 : Proforma Live
- 06/07 – 10/07 : DIP-ITE Setup (Avanade/DIP Manager)
- 13/07 – 13/08 : Users Onboarding Window : (Environment Open)
- 16/07 : DIP-ITE Deployment
- 23/07 – 20/08 : Test Window : (5 weeks with 1-week post-Prod Deployment)

DIP Testing POAP



Ad Hoc DCAB Outcome (DCR0020 Data Retention Review)

DCR0020: Data Retention Reduction Consultation Update

- An ad hoc DCAB was held to review consultation responses to DCR0020, which proposed reducing DIP archive retention from **2 years to 90 days** to address archive storage and indexing costs.

Consultation Outcome

- Industry acknowledged the archive cost challenge and supported the need for efficient cost management.
- However, respondents did not support moving directly to a 90-day retention period at this stage.
- Feedback highlighted the need for further evidence on replay/requeue requirements, message flow usage, and business process dependencies.

Key Discussion Points

- Replay/requeue use cases are not yet fully understood across all interfaces.
- Existing participant data retention obligations must be considered.
- Business process timelines vary across message flows.
- Retention requirements may need to be assessed by interface and business process rather than applying a single retention period.

Outcome

- DCR0020 will not progress in its current form.
- The DIP Manager will undertake further analysis with industry, REC, BSC and Market Design through a dedicated working group.
- The future archive retention approach will be reassessed following completion of this work.

Key Message

The direction of travel remains focused on reducing archive costs and improving scalability, but further evidence and industry collaboration are required before any retention changes can be progressed.

Any questions?

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DIP

Change Report

Sean Dryden-Woods, Senior Change Lead

DIP Change Request (CR) updates

CR	Stage	Progression	Explanation
DCR0005 'Extending SIT-A Testing Environment'	Open, workgroup.	Further assessment, industry workgroup	The DIP Manager is seeking to engage the proposer to discuss next steps on how to progress this DIP CR.
DCR0006 'Management of Significant DIP incidents.'	Open, upcoming consultation	Further assessment post consultation	The DIP Manager has developed a new legal text, which is being reviewed.
DCR0009 'DIP Status Error Messages affecting Licensed Distribution System Operators'	Open	Raised	The DIP Manager has started to develop a solution for this DIP CR.
DCR0011 Change to DIP Portal controls to allow Lead Admin to manage organisation MFA reset	Open	Raised	The DIP Manager has added this CR to the system backlog and is seeking to develop this change for the DIP Manager's November release .
DCR0014 'Restrict DCP Access to MPIDs and Certificates from the Organisational Level to the DCP Level.'	Open,	Raised	A DIP user submitted CR 0014 to address the problem that Connection Providers can access MPIDs of organizations they do not manage. The DIP Manager has added this issue to the system backlog and plans to implement functionality to restrict Connection Providers' access by November 2026 .

DIP Change Request (CR) updates

CR	Stage	Progression	Explanation
DCR0017 'Amendment of L4 Rejection Non Functional Timing Requirements and exemption.'	Open	Raised	The DIP Manager has discussed with the proposer the solution and is developing legal text.
DCR0018: 'DIP Swagger alignment with Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS)'	Open,	Raised, Initial Assessment	The DIP Manager has raised a DIP CR to note the changes made to DIP Swagger to align with EMDS
DIP CR 0019 'Defining the Sender Unique References (SUR) in the DIP Rules'	Open	Raised, Initial Assessment, Consultation	The consultation for this DIP CR is ending in early June. The DIP Manager will review responses.
DCR0020: 'Decreasing the Retention Period for the DIP Archive'	Open	Raised, Initial Assessment, Consultation	The consultation for this DIP CR is ending in late May. The DIP Manager is reviewing responses
DCR0021: 'Enabling early DIP On-Boarding for Applicants and Potential DIP Users'	Open	Raised, Initial Assessment, Consultation	The consultation for this DIP CR is ending in early June. The DIP Manager will review responses

Forward Schedule of System Change

The DIP Manager has developed a roadmap of change for system changes and enhancements, which it is seeking to implement over the next twelve months. Feedback on any of the changes detailed in the schedule is welcome.

The forward schedule of system change (previously horizon scanning log) provides details on these changes and can be found here by following the link below:

- <https://www.elexon.co.uk/data-integration-platform/changes-releases/releases/>

Any questions?

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DIP Manager Audit

Jessica Davis
DIP Service Owner, Elexon

Current text in DSD003 - DIP Manager Audit

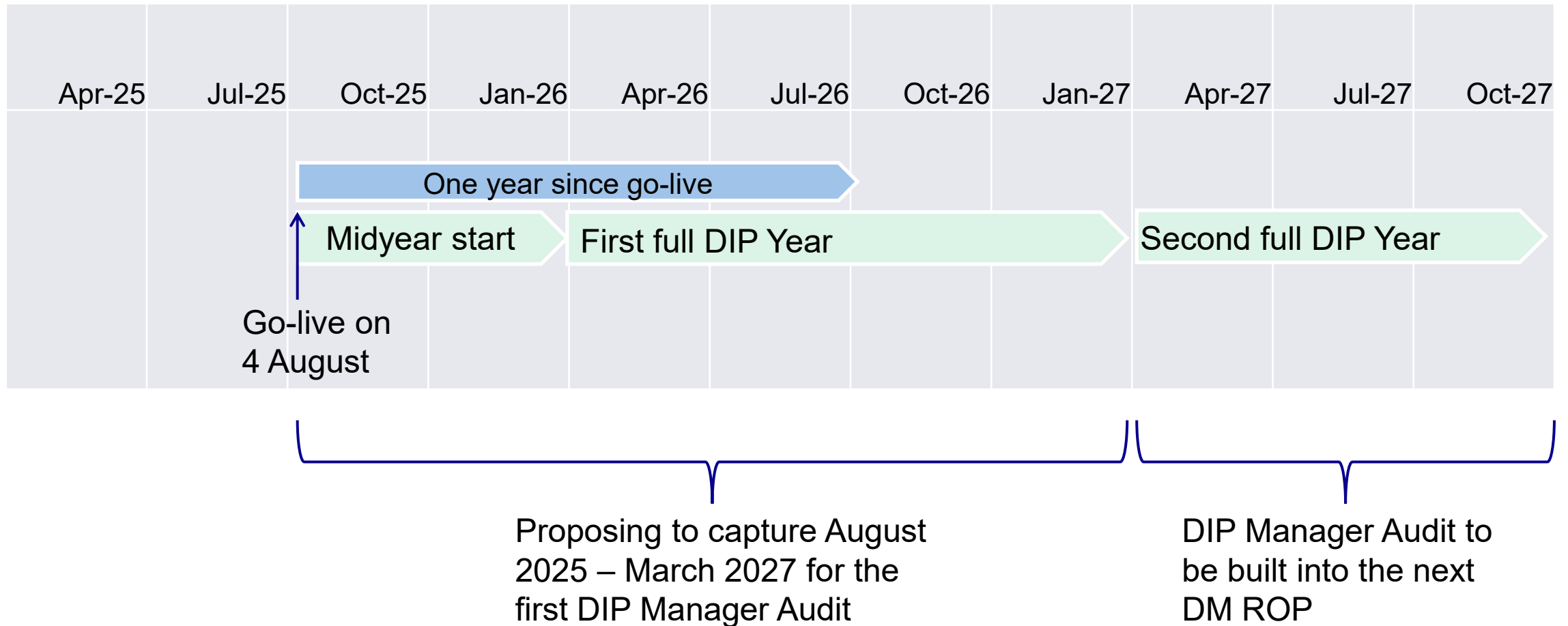
2.5.2 The DIP Manager shall, in respect of the first DIP Year and once every two years thereafter, appoint a suitably independent external auditor to undertake an audit of the DIP Manager's compliance with the DIP Rules.

2.5.3 Where the DIP Assurance Strategy calls for the DIP Manager to be audited, the scope of that audit shall be discussed with the DCAB prior to being finalised and the DCABs feedback shall be incorporated into the audit scope. Where there is disagreement between the DIP Manager and DCAB on the scope of the audit, the DCAB's requirements shall prevail.

This text was developed when the “first DIP Year” went live on 1 April 2025. Delays to milestones meant that the DIP went live on 4 August 2025.

“DIP Year” definition: First of April in any year until 31 March the following calendar year

Proposed timeline - DIP Manager Audit



Changes to DSD003

2.5.2 The DIP Manager shall, in respect of the first **full** DIP Year and once every two years thereafter, appoint a suitably independent external auditor to undertake an audit of the DIP Manager's compliance with the DIP Rules **since DIP August 2025**.

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DIP Manager Assurance Update

Tazwarul Islam
DIP Service Analyst

Assurance activity updates

The DIP Manager from July onward will share a confidential paper with the DCAB, which will list non-compliant DIP Users, the obligations breached, and the assurance activity the DIP Manager is pursuing to resolve the non-compliance.

This paper will form part of the DIP Managers' assurance consequences – if a DIP User is consistently non-compliant, the public version of the paper will be published as per DSD003 provision 4.1.6.

“[...] *the DIP Manager shall publish a report covering:*

b) the names of non-compliant DIP Users.”

The template will be shared in June with DCAB members for recommendations.

Any questions?

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Actions and Minutes

Sean Dryden-Woods, Senior Change Lead

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Any Other Business

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Thank you