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Fiona

We spoke to Catherine from Ofgem this morning and she has now sent us through this draft feasibility study to consider (no figures in it at present) - proper draft due 25 Nov. Peter and I will review this. You will see there is an underspend of £25K on the feasibility study budget (£10K relates to a Risk Assessment which they have decided not to undertake at this stage and the other £15k is because the work has been less complex than they envisaged).

They want to use this £25K to undertake some development work on the IT spec for the system during December. The advantage of this would be that it could bring forward the completion date. Catherine indicated this morning that if the following conditions can be met

1. - ASHP, Heavy industrials and bioliquids are not included
2. - the sceme is broadly in line with GB
3. - we have a final policy by 23 Dec
4. - we confirm final budget approval by 16 Dec
5. - they can use this underspend

then the administrative scheme could be up and running by April 2012. However, it is unlikely we can meet the timing deadlines (3&5) as we can't give budget approval/final policy before sign off by Minister and Casework.

You will recall the fall back position is a Call centre function by April and system operating by May/June 2012. (Given the recent communication on State Aid we may not need a fully operating system by April).

Catherine requires a decision on use of the underspend asap. While there are obviously advantages in allowing them to start work on the development as soon as possible i.e Dec, we would not have approvals in place. I am therefore presuming the answer re using the underspend is no - grateful for your view.

Happy to discuss
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