



RTGS Renewal Programme – Round Up

December 2018

Our vision is to develop an RTGS service which is fit for the future, enabling resilience, access, wider interoperability, improved user functionality and strengthened end to end risk management of the UK's High Value Payment System.

Highlights since the September Round Up

- Publication of the Bank, Pay.UK and the PSR's ISO 20022 consultation response
- Standards Advisory Panel call for interest
- External Advisory Body
- RTGS Renewal Industry Event
- RTGS Renewal ISO 20022 Event
- Synchronised settlement update
- APIs
- Cyber security

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The Programme has successfully concluded the Plan-Analyse-Design phase. The Programme's next phase - Design, Enable and Procure – has started. The key priorities through this phase will be;

- Contracting a Technology Delivery Partner
- Publishing CHAPS ISO 20022 'like for like' and 'enhanced' technical specifications
- Delivering Transition State One and Enablers

At the Programme's industry event on 3 December the Bank shared an updated timeline based on findings from the Plan-Analyse-Design phase. The latest timeline can be viewed on the Bank's [website](#).

Programme updates

Consultation update: ISO 20022, a new messaging standard for UK payments

In June 2018 the Bank, Pay.UK and the PSR published a consultation which sought views, from across the payments industry and more broadly, on the implementation of ISO 20022 messaging standards in the UK. The consultation response was published on 29 November and can be viewed on the Bank's website. The key takeaways are that;

- 97% of respondents support the creation of a Common UK Credit message to be shared across CHAPS and the NPA
- 95% of respondents support the proposed implementation approach in CHAPS.

On 6 December the Bank hosted an event to playback the findings, to share how the Bank will respond and to hear views from regulators, financial institutions and other central banks on the impact of ISO 20022. There was a good discussion following both our panel debates with several questions on the potential use of LEIs including how to promote the adoption of LEIs more broadly.

Standards Advisory Panel (SAP)

The Bank has, in conjunction with Pay.UK, issued an open call for interest for members of the payments industry wishing to join a newly created Standards Advisory Panel. It will comprise a senior group of stakeholders representing the payments industry. The focus of the panel will be on the implementation of ISO 20022, however, will also cover other payments standards for the UK.

To find out more, or to submit an application, please visit the Bank's [website](#). The deadline for applications is Monday 10 December 2018.

December Industry Update Event

On 3 December the Bank hosted a briefing event for members of the payments industry. The event included a panel discussion with members of the Programme team as well as the CHAPS Strategic Advisory Forum. The Programme provided an update of the completion of the Plan-Analyse-Design phase, programme timelines, the transition approach and more detailed updates on a number of other scope items.

Below is a sample of the questions asked by attendees at our event and the responses given by our panel;

Q: When will you confirm whether MNAD will operate on a shared PKI or an RTGS-only PKI?

A: Our planning assumption is to use a shared PKI as this has the potential to be simpler and cheaper to implement. It would also support our stated access objectives for the renewed RTGS service. We expect to have confirmed this position by 2020.

Q: When are you planning a moratorium on new banks gaining direct access to RTGS?

A: We expect each Transition State to include periods of change freeze in order to protect the stability of the service, however we will try to minimise the number and length of these periods. We do not have details yet on when these freeze periods will occur but the earliest will not be before 2021.

Q: How far does the Programme plan align with the Pay.UK plan?

A: The RTGS Renewal Programme and the NPA are independent programmes, we work very closely with the team at Pay.UK to understand the details of each other's plans. Both the Bank and Pay.UK's plans are emerging and will become clearer once both programmes have appointed their respective Technology Delivery Partners.

Synchronised Settlement update

In August 2018 the Bank issued a Call for Interest (CFI), the purpose of which, was to explore the demand for introducing synchronised settlement to the renewed RTGS service. A significant number of responses were received from a wide range of organisations. The Bank would like to thank all of those who have participated in the discussions to date, these have been informative and have progressed the Bank's thinking on synchronised settlement.

The Bank will be hosting two workshops in Q1 2019; one for general synchronised payments on 25 February and one on property transactions on 11 March. If you would like to register for either event ahead of formal invitations being issued please email rtgsengagement@bankofengland.co.uk. The emerging themes from the workshops will be shared on the Bank's website. Additional details on the CFI are still available to view [here](#).

Procurement update: Technology Delivery Partner

To support delivery of the Renewal Programme the Bank will appoint a Technology Delivery Partner. Procurement activity for this partner will commence in early 2019. The requirements will include a range of services for the design and build of the core settlement engine and Systems Integration services and potentially future development and support activities. The full scope will be set out in the OJEU notice which will be published via the TED (Tenders Electronic Daily) portal. It will be an open competition to all.

APIs

The Bank intends to hold two workshops on APIs in Q1 2019. These will take place on 30 January and 11 February. If you would like further details or to register your attendance please send an email to rtgsengagement@bankofengland.co.uk.

Cyber Security

On 7 December, the Bank held a forum focussed on cyber for a group of CHAPS Direct Participants. In addition to a presentation from UK Finance on the Financial Sector Cyber Collaboration Centre (FSCCC) initiative, the agenda has a focus on how appropriate sharing of targeted cyber security information could have a net effect benefit of improving collective knowledge and strengthening the resilience of the end-to-end CHAPS system, taken as a whole.

Industry Groups

The External Advisory Body (EAB) met on 22 November. An update on programme timelines and the ISO 20022 consultation was provided. The Programme also sought views from EAB members on how best to engage the payments industry in the Bank's work on customer facing API's.

CHAPS Strategic Advisory Forum

The CHAPS Strategic Advisory Forum met on 8 October with the discussion covering: the approach to the CHAPS settlement tariff ahead of the renewed RTGS; operational resilience of the CHAPS system in the context of the proposed approach from the financial authorities with a focus on outward facing business services and consideration of how much disruption can be tolerated; and the role of CHAPS in the payments landscape. The minutes from this meeting can be found [here](#).

If you would like further information about the programme, have a question about this round up, or have received this email indirectly and would like to be added to the mailing list, please email rtgsengagement@bankofengland.co.uk