

Distribution Code Review Panel

Meeting 63 – 9 March 2017

Distribution Code Website Upgrade

Paper by Code Administrator

Introduction

As the Code Administrator for the Distribution Code (DCode) ENA maintains and updates a website dedicated to the DCode. The current website is over 10 years old and therefore is less compatible with modern devices such as smart phones and tablets and limited in terms of design.

In comparison with more recent websites it no longer provides an easy to use and navigate user interface.

Proposal

It is proposed that the DCode website is upgraded to better cater for modern information technologies and requirements.

By updating the website this should lead to greater transparency and ease of consultation with stakeholders. ENA as code administrator proposes updating the website to include:

- Details of all current areas of work relating to DCode working group terms of reference, agendas, minutes etc.
- Server update
- Consultation section
- Newsletter section
- Sign up for notifications for example on code consultations and changes
- Compatibility with smart phones and tablets to improve user experience.

ENA are working with Sign Graphic Design (<http://www.signgraphicdesign.co.uk>) to redevelop the DCode website.

With the increased information that will be made available on the website for example the various industry working groups agendas, minutes, documents and other updates it is important that when referring people to this information it is easily accessible and comprehensible.

The recently designed Competition in Connections Code of Practice website (<http://www.connectionscode.org.uk/>) (developed by ENA with Sign Graphic Design) is a good example of how a new DCode website would look.

Benefits

- Up-to-date and modern
- Mobile and tablet friendly
- Wider range of features available such as calendar, contact us form
- Easier to maintain and update
- One easily accessible site to download free of charge all DCode annex1 and appendix2 documents

Cost

The small cost of redeveloping the DCode website will be divided as per the cost apportionment agreement set out in the ITCG constitution and rules.

Panel Recommendation

The Panel is requested to note developments