

# UK MAN Managers Group

## Notes of Meeting, 6 October 2004 at ULCC

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Present:

Dave Vinograd (Convenor)	
Mick Kahn (Secretary)	London Metropolitan Network
Paul Kentish	Kentish MAN
Ian Griffiths	EMMAN
Tim Robinson	NetNorthWest
Jim Hendry	MidMAN
Mike Byrne	LeNSE
Ed Carter	YHMAN
Barry Forde	C&NLMAN
Linda McCormick	ClydeNet
David Hayling	Kentish MAN
Chris Cheney	EastNet
George Howat	EaStMAN
Mike Whitehead	FaTMAN
John Linn	AbMAN
Kit Powell	SWERN
Jason Bain	NorMAN
John Armley	Adit East Midlands (item 4 only)
Steve Percival	UKERNA (item 4 onwards)
Denis Russell	UKERNA (item 4 onwards)

Apologies were received from:

Roger Williams	WNL
David Morgan	WNL
Phil Brady	North Wales MAN
Chris Kelly	NIRAN

## 1 Notes of Previous meeting

### 1.1 Accuracy

Barry Forde had attended the previous meeting in Bangor. Otherwise there were no corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 April 2004.

### 1.2 Annual Report

Mick Kahn had received many contributions and asked for the remaining contributions to be sent as soon as possible. Mick will add a summary of UK MMG's work and circulate it by email for review before publication on the UK MMG web site.

**Action: All, Mick Kahn**

## **2 Liaison with Chairs of MANs Group**

Mick reported that he had not received revised terms of reference of the Chairs of MANs Group. The Chairs of MANs Group did not appear to have any business at present.

## **3 SuperJANET5**

### **3.1 *Connections reliability paper***

It was agreed that UKERNA's thinking had developed since the original paper was issued and the response had been modified accordingly. It was agreed that the proposed study would still be useful. Mick Kahn will respond formally to the Chairs of MANs Group and UKERNA and formally submit a proposal to JCN.

**Action: Mick Kahn**

The proposal will also be submitted to UCISA-NG

**Action: Chris Cheney and John Linn**

### **3.2 *Development Task Force***

Jason Bain reported that the Task Force had completed its work and reported at the SuperJANET5 planning meeting on 28 September 2004. It was agreed that the task force members should attend the first JDAG meeting for continuity and that ongoing RNO representatives on JDAG should be appointed at the next UK MMG meeting.

As with other subgroups, a rolling membership will allow both continuity and wider involvement.

[Current subgroup membership is

SuperJANET5 Change negotiations – Dave Vinograd, Mike Byrne, Mick Kahn  
Development Task Force – Jason Bain, Ed Carter, Mike Byrne, Mick Kahn  
SLA negotiations – Paul Kentish, (vacancy to be filled by Jan 05)]

### **3.3 *Report on RUSI meeting***

George Howat had circulated a detailed report by email and Jason Bain made a brief verbal report on the SuperJANET5 planning meeting held on 28 September 2004.

Whilst a formal invitation had not yet been received, the Group proposed either George Howat or Tim Robinson to represent RNOs on the SuperJANET5 network infrastructure procurement panel should this be required.

### **3.4 *Location of second entry points to RNs (a)***

There was concern that the options for the second entry points to MANs might be limited to save costs. There was concern that delivery to another point on the same campus may not provide sufficient resilience. It was agreed to raise this with UKERNA later in the meeting.

## **4 Broadband aggregation**

John Armley, Chief Executive of Adit East Midlands made a presentation (web link) and a discussion followed. There continue to be differences between Adits on the contractual model, whether RNOs must deal with the local Adit and whether RNOs can be suppliers.

## **5 UKERNA issues**

### ***5.1 Publishing and reconciliation of availability figures***

It was confirmed that the RNO North team was now circulating the figures. Steve Percival reported that UKERNA were now unlikely to wish to publish the figures on the web. It was agreed that it was no longer necessary to make other MANs figures anonymous for circulating to MANs.

Steve Percival will talk to UKERNA NRG to establish a process for reconciliation of any differences in figures between UKERNA and RNOs. He will invite them to attend the next UK MMG meeting to describe how the figures are calculated.

**Action: Steve Percival**

Proposals for dealing with reporting for institutions with multiple connections will be made to the next meeting.

**Action: Steve Percival**

### ***5.2 E-science connections***

Steve Percival reported that information about the options for e-science connection is available on the UKERNA web site. RNOs will be involved in discussions.

### ***5.3 Fibre rating***

Denis Russell has yet to seek independent advice on fibre rating and he will report back to the next meeting. There had been no other developments.

**Action: Denis Russell**

### ***5.4 Location of second entry points to RNs (b)***

Denis Russell reported that his understanding was that he expected the two entry points to be a few kilometres apart and that RNOs would be consulted soon. He expected the negotiated procurement procedure to allow appropriate involvement of RNOs in the discussion of options with suppliers. The group considered that issues of MAN and SuperJANET fibres sharing the same ducts and the options to allow MANs to use both entry points in the case of an internal failure needed to be considered alongside the costs of options for the second entry point. It was proposed that this should be a topic for the next SuperJANET5 planning meeting.

**Action: Denis Russell**

During the discussion the SuperJANET5 service definition produced by Duncan Rogerson (<http://www.ja.net/SJ5/service-definition.doc>) was referred to.

### **5.5 SuperJANET5 contract changes**

The group asked UKERNA to provide an early indication of the areas to be covered in the SuperJANET5 contract changes in order to inform the production of upgrade plans.

**Action: Denis Russell**

Any concerns arising from the proposals in Roland Trice's paper on PoPs should be fed back to him.

**Action: All**

### **5.6 Publicity brochure**

Denis Russell asked RNOs to provide him with copy for the brochure as soon as possible.

**Action: All**

## **6 Dates of future meetings**

The next two meetings will be held on Thursday 20 January and Wednesday 13 April 2005 in London.

## **7 Any other business**

Ian Griffiths was concerned that no consideration was being made for UPS provision with the upgrade of FEC routers in England. Steve Percival reported that consideration of the EMM proposal to support FEC routers had been delayed, but that he expected to be able to move forward in the next few months.

Chris Cheney reported that the EastNet RDN contract had been extended for a maximum of six months, depending on how much longer the legal work took.