

**Title: Update on Wireless Advisory Group Activities
5GHz Band C**

Source: Chair: Stuart Cooke

WAG is currently in the process of producing a number of reports and recommendations relating to the 5GHz Band C spectrum;

- Commercial aspects
- Authorisation considerations
- Interface Requirement
- Sharing studies of FWA with other services

The three sub groups (commercial, licensing and sharing) meet on the 18th Feb and the next full meeting of WAG is on the 26th February. At this full meeting the intention is to have completed reports for consideration, approval and for forwarding to UK Government.

Some (but by no means all) of the key issues emerging are;

- the authorisation scheme (either a licence-exempt or light licensing approach and the associated details)
- the use of DFS and its appropriateness

Some of the sharing studies are progressing slowly and it is currently unclear whether all of the studies will be completed for February. The Radiocommunications Agency is encouraged to participate its own sharing studies into this group.

Dependent upon progress and the outcome of the full WAG meeting I would recommend that this should not prevent the Radiocommunications Agency from proceeding in parallel with its activities (consultations etc) of making the 5GHz Band C spectrum available by the Summer '03. In fact an ongoing parallel process may be beneficial.

It is proposed that another agenda item for the WAG meeting on the 26th February is an update on the activities relating to 3.6 to 4.2 GHz. If there are other agenda items that MSC thinks may be beneficial for WAG to consider then please let us know.