IRIS TWG Meeting, 18th June 2019

## Attendees

Andrew Sansum (Chair), John Kewley (Notes), Adrian Coveney, Andrew McNab, Chris Reynolds, Andrew Lahiff, Tom Dack, George Beckett, Jens Jensen, Ian Johnson, Daniela Bauer, Lydia Heck, Peter Love, Alex Dibbo, Matt Doidge, Mark Holliman, Mihai Duta, Nigel Hambly, Paul Hopkins, Paul Browne, Dan Traynor, Warren Jeffs

## Apologies

Pete Clarke, John Taylor

## Commercial Cloud (Andrew Sansum)

Andrew explained how there is been money put aside (100k resource, not capital) to do some Commercial Cloud work. This came up at the face to face, but we need to further discuss the best way this can be used.

PC is hoping to put together a call for applications for spending this money in the most appropriate way for IRIS.

LH: DiRAC has done a feasibility study on using commercial cloud. Concerns were raised at the time that the costing model could be considered “gambling” and hence not appropriate for STFC-funding. Also be aware that when you reserve a machine time is clocked up until you say stop (wall time vs cpu time?)

AMcN/JJ et al: we are already doing this, it works. Many free accounts have been utilised to prove it can be done.

AS: there should be ways round the “gambling” suggestion – maybe something hasn’t being interpreted properly if that is the case.

AS: what would be useful to IRIS in a call?

AMcN: grants spanning the year-end would make things easier rather than have a hard end-of-year limit.

## IRIS Operations (Andrew Sansum and Andrew McNab)

AS: every other week TWG will instead be an Ops/Onboarding meeting.

First task is to produce a proto-agenda.

AMcN: got some volunteers from the GridPP ROD team

AS: GridPP PMB signed off on Mon that they were happy for the ROD team and their expertise to be used to help kick this off.

AMcN: will need some analogous help from DiRAC down the line. An email address is being setup with “shifters” on the end of the email list. It’d be handy to have at least 1 DiRAC person to send issues on to – then they could raise a SAFE ticket.

AS: definitely needs some DiRAC involvement from day 1 - Mark W + Jeremy Y need to be involved / signoff. Andrew S will send them an email.

## DONM - TBC

25th June: Operations + Onboarding

2nd July: IRIS-TWG