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Grocery & Retail Core Working Group

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Summary

Sarah Thorpe requested input on Q5 tech debt for capacity planning and proposed a Jira update, asking all participants to update their initiatives before next week. Someone in Central Station - Amsterdam (Chloe) announced a return to quarterly planning and a future structure associating teams with themes and product managers, also noting that the offers carousel data quality issue is fixed and the vertical landing page experiment is live. Jess Ash and Hiral Thakkar confirmed that the topup initiative MVP is complete, with development for multiple markets nearly finished and the MOV experiment on track for early January. Hiral Thakkar reported that testing is underway for the card linking code cut, and Ellie Bell-Jones confirmed the revolving project is on track but the menu ingestion remains Amber due to a Jet Connect dependency, which Anton Grischuk and Parisa Najafi discussed. Someone in Central Station - Amsterdam noted increased confidence in the item carousel project, and Salman Ahmed reported that the real-time stock project is unlikely to complete its deliverables before Christmas and depends on One Menu Phase Six, which James Goldly confirmed will not be finished this year.

Details

- **Q5 Roadmap and Tech Debt** Sarah Thorpe initiated a discussion about the Q5 roadmap, requesting input from tech managers and product managers regarding necessary cleanup work, maintenance, or tech debt within their teams to factor into capacity planning ([00:02:51](#)). They asked participants to differentiate between work that "really needs to be done" and tasks that "would be nice if we could do". Someone in Central Station - Amsterdam (later identified as Chloe) suggested proposing tech debt first, which they could then collectively prioritize for the Q5 roadmap ([00:04:58](#)).
- **Single Backlog Transition and Quarterly Planning** Someone in Central Station - Amsterdam (Chloe) provided an update on the single backlog feedback, noting that they had identified areas for improvement and action items. They announced a shift back to quarterly planning, hoping this would reduce last-minute people movements that had been frequent in the previous six months ([00:05:51](#)). Someone in Central Station - Amsterdam also mentioned that for 2026, teams would be associated with a theme and one or two product managers to enhance engineer focus ([00:06:36](#)).
- **Jira Update for Baseline Data** Sarah Thorpe proposed reintroducing Jira updates to the call but first asked all participants to update their Jira initiatives and related items within the next week, as the current data was outdated and contained incorrect dates. They suggested that having a more populated baseline would make the weekly updates more efficient next week ([00:07:55](#)).
- **Topup Initiative Update** Jess Ash and Hiral Thakkar provided updates on the topup initiative, confirming that work on the Australia release has stopped ([00:09:02](#)). The MVP is complete, and development for other markets—Spain, Italy, and Ireland—is nearly finished, with timelines awaiting business confirmation. Jess Ash also noted that the removal of a small order fee development is done and verified, with the UK trading team to set the turn-on date ([00:10:34](#)). The Minimum Order Value (MOV) experiment remains on track for an early January release, and discovery is underway for subsequent phases ([00:11:38](#)).
- **Loyalty Integrations and Revolving Projects** Hiral Thakkar confirmed that testing is underway for the card linking code cut, including testing for web for the card linking flow. Ellie Bell-Jones reported that the revolving project is on track, with code cuts made for the Terms and Conditions and privacy policy requirements ([00:13:01](#)). They added that testing for the third requirement,

Country of Origin, is ongoing, suggesting the project can be marked green ([00:14:09](#)).

- **Menu Ingestion and Jet Connect Dependency** Ellie Bell-Jones stated that the menu ingestion project remains Amber due to a dependency on Jet Connect, who is prioritizing a bug fix ([00:14:09](#)). Anton Grischuk noted that they had been told the fix was ready two weeks prior, and Ellie Bell-Jones indicated that Jet Connect is expected to provide an update on their testing completion and confidence level by the end of the day ([00:15:21](#)). Parisa Najafi mentioned that there is an ongoing discussion about which team, either their team or the Groceries team, will handle the front-end work for this project ([00:16:41](#)).
- **Offers Carousel and Vertical Landing Page** Someone in Central Station - Amsterdam confirmed that the data quality issue for the offers carousel is fixed and is being released to all markets, expected to be 100% complete by the end of the week, following initial release in the UK and Germany ([00:16:41](#)). The vertical landing page experiment is live in Android at 100%, and the iOS version is also likely live, with the compact card work having been recently picked up ([00:17:51](#)). Someone in Central Station - Amsterdam expects the experiment to run for a couple of weeks ([00:19:03](#)).
- **Item Carousel and Confidence Levels** Someone in Central Station - Amsterdam expressed increased confidence in the item carousel project, noting that both Android and iOS code cuts are looking "very possible" due to search platform having reviewed and approved key Pull Requests ([00:19:03](#)). They proposed maintaining an Amber status for the project but described it as a "greenish amber," with Android being "more on track" than iOS ([00:19:51](#)).
- **Real Time Stock Update and One Menu Phase Six Dependency** Salman Ahmed stated that there are no changes to the real-time stock project, and it remains unlikely that all agreed-upon deliverables with the partner will be ready before Christmas due to resourcing constraints. Sarah Thorpe confirmed that this project is also dependent on One Menu Phase Six, which James Goldly indicated would not be completed this year ([00:21:12](#)). Salman Ahmed confirmed the dependency, and Sarah Thorpe is seeking an update on the timeline for One Menu Phase Six, which involves deprecating all old infrastructure ([00:21:12](#)).

Suggested next steps

- ☐ The group will go away in the next week and get their Jira up to date.

- ☐ Sarah Thorpe will try to get a response from James Goldly on when they think one menu phase six will be done.
- ☐ Ellie Bell-Jones will do a bit more of a spotlight on the menu ingestion topic in the end of week update.
- ☐ Jess Ash will send the list of eight different initiatives for the discovery of the next phases of the MOV experiment.
- ☐ The tech managers will let Sarah Thorpe know in the next few days to a week about any cleanup, maintenance, or tech debt work that needs to be done in their teams.

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