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SEC Panel Meeting 124

9:30 – 14:00, 23 January 2024

SECP_124_2301 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel reviewed and approved the changes to minutes from the SEC Panel 123 meeting and **APPROVED** them as final. The Panel **NOTED** the Actions update and **AGREED** to close all actions marked as Propose to Close.

2. SECP_124_2301_02: A Smarter Way of Delivering Operations Change Collaboratively (For Discussion) (AMBER)

The DCC provided the Panel with the proposed improvements to the DCC's delivery of operational in life changes (beyond SEC Modifications), including utilising tooling to expand the use of what is currently available and implementing Key Performance Indicator's (KPI) and metrics to track progress. The Panel welcomed the initiative but **DID NOT CONFIRM** that the Change Sub Committee was the only appropriate Sub Committee to progress this work, citing concerns that it had insufficient technical expertise to deal with the scope of architectural changes being made. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

3. SECP_124_2301_03: SEC Change update report and Modification Improvements Project update (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS provided the Panel with an update on the open modifications and the recent activity including the rejection of [SECMP0067: 'Service Request Traffic Management'](#) and progression of [SECMP0028: 'Prioritising System Messages'](#) which is now pending implementation after being on hold for three years. SECAS noted that there is a change freeze on Market Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) Target Operating Model until 2025. SECAS also provided an update on improvements made as part of the Modification Improvements Project and the Panel welcomed the progress made. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

4. SECP_124_2301_04: VMO2 and Arqiva (For Information) (RED)

The DCC presented the Panel with an update on the engagement with Arqiva and VMO2 to agree the sunsetting of 2G/3G and the approach to contract extensions. The Panel **NOTED** the information and the DCC's intention to continue discussions with Service Providers to achieve the optimal outcome for customers and the network.

5. SECP_124_2301_05: 0x8F75 alert – proposed amendments to the traffic management mechanism alerts exclusion list (For Decision) (GREEN)

The DCC presented the Panel with the DCC's proposed amendments to the Traffic Management mechanism document and the proposed removal of the Alert 0x8F75. The DCC informed the Panel that 6 consultation responses were received and were all in favour of adding the alert to the exclusion list,

and the SEC Sub Committees were also in favour of the change. The exclusion would restrict the number of messages going through the system to a limit of 500, in order to ensure that security messages are received. Messages over the 500 limit will be bundled and sent separately. The Panel **APPROVED** the change but **REQUESTED** that the DCC present a 'back out' plan to the Panel at the next meeting.

6. SECP_124_2301_06: Alt HAN Update (For Information) (GREEN)

Alt HAN presented the Panel with an overview of the successful mass roll out of Alt HAN devices since September 2023 and informed the Panel that is now in the mobilisation phase of the Crowded Meter Room Project, following a successful Pilot in 2023, with thorough testing. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

7. SECP_124_2301_07: DSP SI Accountability, Roles and Responsibilities) (For Information) (RED)

The DCC presented the Panel with its plan for the accountability, roles and responsibilities for the Data Service Provider Systems Integration (DSP SI). The Panel **NOTED** the update and **REQUESTED** that the DCC provide further information ahead of the next meeting.

8. SECP_124_2301_08: DCC Year Ahead (For Discussion) (RED)

The DCC CEO presented the Panel with its plan for the year ahead. The Panel **PROVIDED** feedback and **NOTED** the update.

9. SECP_124_2301_09: Privacy Sub Committee Establishment (For Decision) (AMBER)

Following approval from SEC Panel to establish a Privacy Sub-Committee of the Panel, SECAS presented the Draft Terms of Reference and Delegations Register for Panel approval. The Panel **APPROVED** the publication of PSC Terms of Reference v1.0; **APPROVED** the publication of v9.0 of the SEC Delegations Register; and **NOTED** the next steps for setting up the PSC, including the sending of formal invitations to nominations to join the Sub Committee.

10. SECP_124_2301_10: Privacy Assessments update (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS provided the Panel with an update on the recent Privacy Assessment updates. The Panel **NOTED** the Compliance Status of User 'V' and **AGREED** that the User is required to undergo a Follow-up Privacy Assessment to evidence appropriate controls.

11. SECP_124_2301_11: Asset Life Project Brief (For Decision) (AMBER)

SECAS presented the Panel with the Objectives, Scope and Deliverables of the 'Asset Life: Cost of Replacement Activities' Project. The Panel recommended that SECAS liaise with SMDG and the DCC to ensure that there was no duplication of work. The Panel **NOTED** the CTG recommendation to proceed with the project, **AGREED** the scope of the project and **RECOMMENDED** the release of funds to the SECCo Board.

12. SECP_124_2301_12: Current Events of Default (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS updated the Panel on Events of Default, insolvent suppliers, and SEC Parties being expelled from or withdrawing from the SEC. The Panel **NOTED** the new Events of Default and the status of insolvent parties and SoLRs and **AGREED** to expel the Parties proposed.

13. SECP_124_2301_13 – SSC Chair update (For Information) (GREEN)

The Security Sub Committee (SSC) Chair provided the Panel with an update on the recent business of the SSC CPA Issue Resolution sub-group (SCIRS), Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority (SMKI PMA) and SSC meetings. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

14. SECP_124_2301_14 - DESNZ update (For Information) (GREEN)

DESNZ provided an update on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. This included upcoming publications which may be of interest to the Panel. The Panel **NOTED** the consultations relevant to the Panel.

15. SECP_124_2301_15: Transitional Governance Report (For Information) (CLEAR)

The SEC Panel Transitional Governance Report on recent events and developments across the Transitional Governance Committees was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

16. SECP_124_2301_16 SEC Panel Sub-Committee Report (For Information) (GREEN)

The SEC Panel Sub-Committee report was provided for information. The Panel **NOTED** the report and the update.

17. Operations Report (For Information) (CLEAR)

The Operations Report was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the report.

18. Any Other Business (AOB) (GREEN)

The following items were raised as AOB:

1. The DSP Data Services OBC was sent to SEC Panel members on Thursday 18 January, noting that there were no material changes to the requirements, direction or outcome requested.
2. Market Wide Half Hourly Settlement (MHHS) visibility of DCC costs was also raised, and the Panel agreed it would be useful for the Chair to meet with Ofgem to discuss the issue and to liaise with the MHHS Programme Director to discuss how the changes to the cost and performance of the system will be implemented.

The Panel **NOTED** the updates.

There was no further business, and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next Meeting Date: 27 February 2024