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SEC Panel Meeting 132

9:30 – 14:00 24 September 2024

SECP_132_2409 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel **APPROVED** the minutes from the SEC Panel 131 meeting as final. The Panel **NOTED** the Actions update and **AGREED** to close all actions marked as Propose to Close.

2. SECP_132_2409_02 – Future Service Management Full Business Case (For Information) (**GREEN**)

The DCC presented the procurement outcomes following engagement activities the DCC undertook with the SEC Sub-Committees to obtain a non-objection decision on the Future Service Management (FSM) Full Business Case (FBC). The Panel **NOTED** the engagement and **RECOMMENDED** the DCC continue to provide the same level of transparency throughout the implementation process. The Panel **REQUESTED** the DCC share the 'Plan on a Page' of timelines, which was contained in the Summary paper, so that it can be shared with SEC Parties.

3. SECP_132_2409_03: Future Connectivity Strategy and Outline Business Case (RED) (For Decision) (**RED**)

The DCC presented the Future Connectivity Strategy (FCS) and Outline Business Case (OBC) to the Panel, which detailed the engagements undertaken, with the Panel and its Sub Committees, to capture business needs. The DCC presented its preferred Option, which it will submit to the Department on 30 September. The Panel **SUPPORTED** the DCC's preferred Option.

4. SECP_132_2409_04: SMETS2 CSP Extensions and 3G Sunset update (For Information) (**RED**)

The DCC presented the Panel with an update on progress in the key areas of discussion as part of DCCs ongoing commercial conversations with Arqiva and VMO2. 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_132_2409_05: TCHODR and Temporary CH ordering and delivery rules (For Decision) (**GREEN**)

The DCC presented the proposed changes to the Temporary Comms Hub Ordering Delivery Rules (TCHODR). The DCC explained the proposal to reduce the timescale from 12 to 10 on the number of months prior to delivery allowed for a later provision of a binding Comms Hub volume order, which gives Suppliers more flexibility to react to unforeseen changes with Comms Hub deliveries and to help Parties to manage their supply of Comms Hubs. The Panel **CONSIDERED** the proposal, **NOTED** the positive

response from the Operations Group and **APPROVED** the introduction & updating of the Temporary Communication Hub Ordering Rules.

6. SECP_132_2409_06: CH&N LSC (For Information) (GREEN)

The DCC presented the Panel with the proposed timeline to progress Live Services Criteria (LSC)1 Governance to Initial Pallet Validation (IPV) on 2 December 2024. The Panel **NOTED** the timeline and **AGREED** that an ex-committee decision will be required for the Panel to provide the letter of recommendation to go-live to the Department on 11 November 2024.

7. SECP_132_2409_07: DCC Programmes Quarterly update (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS presented the Panel with highlights from the DCC Programmes Quarterly report for Q3, with a focus on stage changes in the programmes achieved by the DCC. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

8. SECP_132_2409_08: Ofgem Update (For Information) (GREEN)

Ofgem provided an update to inform the Panel of its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. The Panel **DISCUSSED** SEC representation at the Ofgem Modification Working Group and **NOTED** the update and consultations relevant to the Panel.

9. SECP_132_2409_09: Ofgem Consultation Draft Panel Response Consumer Consent solution (For Decision) (CLEAR)

SECAS presented the draft SEC Panel response to the Ofgem Consultation for a proposed Consumer Consent Solution, which has been informed following engagement with the Privacy Sub Committee (PSC) and the Security Sub Committee (SSC). It was noted that there did not seem to be recognition in the Ofgem proposals of the requirements around consumer consent that currently sit with Section I of the SEC. SECAS noted that Ofgem will attend the PSC to further discuss the proposals and its approach to date. The Panel **AGREED** with SECAS recommendations to feedback to Ofgem the need for increased transparency, and the preference that the Consumer Consent Solution should be decentralised or hybrid per concerns from the PSC and SSC. The Panel, **PROVIDED FEEDBACK** and **REQUESTED** SECAS update the consultation response for final approval by the Panel Chair.

10. SECP_132_2409_10: SEC Panel Budget timetable (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS provided the Panel with the draft timetable for the preparation and approval of the 2025 – 2028 SEC Panel Budget and informed the Panel that SECCo is now leading on writing the SEC Panel budget, with SECAS providing supporting information to input into the process. SECAS noted that changes will be made to the format of the budget to improve transparency. Members of the Panel also volunteered to join the Panel Finance and Contracts Sub-Group (PFCG) and **AGREED** to engage with SECCo in the drafting of the budget.

11. SECP_132_2409_11 – SEC Strategic Plan update (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS shared the SEC Strategic Plan v.4.2, which had been updated by SECAS as part of the 6-monthly review process and endorsed by the Strategic Working Group. The Panel **APPROVED** the plan to be published on the SEC website, in the SEC Newsletter and shared via Linked-in.

12. SECP_132_2409_12: Privacy Sub Committee Chair update (For Information) (GREEN)

The Privacy Sub Committee (PSC) Chair presented the Panel with an update on the recent activities and achievements of the PSC relevant to the Panel. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

13. SECP_132_2409_13: SEC Change update report (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECAS provided the Panel with the recent high-level updates from SEC Change meetings and provided updates on key Modifications. SECAS presented its 6-month review following closure of the Modification

Improvement Project, and noted there has been sustained improvements in the DCC achieving Service Level Agreements following completion of the project. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to close action SECP128/04.

14. SECP_132_2409_14: Quarterly Event of Default (For Decision) (**RED**)

SECAS presented the Panel with a quarterly update detailing the new and existing Events of Default and insolvent suppliers between June and September 2024. The Panel **NOTED** the new Events of Default, **AGREED** to expel the insolvent Parties and **AGREED** its preferred option in response to a Party in Default.

16. SECP_132_2409_16: SSC Security Architecture Document Review Project Brief (For Decision) (**AMBER-STRICT**)

SECAS presented the Panel with a proposal for the Objectives, Scope and Deliverables of the 'SSC Review of the End-to-End Security Architecture Document' project. SECAS also requested Panel approval to issue an Invitation to Tender (ITT) to facilitate procurement of external expertise to undertake the work. The Panel **NOTED** the contents of the Paper, **APPROVED** SECAS' recommendations and **RECOMMENDED** release of funds to the SECCo Board.

17. SECP_132_2409_17: Security Incident Management Project Brief (For Decision) (**AMBER-STRICT**)

SECAS presented the Panel with a request to approve the SSC's proposal to carry out the annual Security Incident Management Exercise. The Panel **APPROVED** the scope and approach of the project and **RECOMMENDED** the project to the SECCo Board for release of funds.

18. SECP_132_2409_18: CPA Transition Project (For Decision) (**AMBER-STRICT**)

SECAS presented the Panel with the amended scope for the Future Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) Scheme Transition Activities project. The Panel **APPROVED** the change in scope and increased resource required, **APPROVED** the updated timetable and **RECOMMENDED** release of funds to the SECCo Board.

19. SECP_132_2409_19: Meeting Dates 2025 (For Decision) (**GREEN**)

SECAS presented the proposed dates for the SEC Panel 2025 meetings and proposed that the SEC Panel 139 meeting in April is delayed by one week to avoid the Easter Holidays. The Panel **REQUESTED** SECAS review the feasibility of amending meeting dates immediately after Bank Holidays and **RECOMMENDED** the SECCo Board aligns its meetings with these dates.

20. SECP_132_2409_20: Transitional Governance Report (For Information) (**GREEN**)

SECAS presented a report on the Transitional Governance meetings, recent events and developments across the Transitional Governance Committees. This Paper was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the update. The SEC Panel Chair highlighted that an initial meeting had taken place with the Department on the plans and approach to move to enduring governance.

21. SECP_132_2409_21: DESNZ update (For Information) (**GREEN**)

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) provided an update for information only on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. The Panel **NOTED** the update and consultations relevant to the Panel.

22. SECP_132_2409_22: DCC Consultations and Operational Update (For Information) (**AMBER**)

SECAS presented the Panel with the DCC Consultations and Operational Update for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

23. SECP_132_2409_23: SEC Panel Sub-Committee Report (For Information) (GREEN)

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

24. SECP_132_2409_24: SECAS Operations Dashboard (For Information) (CLEAR)

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

25. SECP_132_2409_25: Any Other Business (AOB) (GREEN)

The Panel **NOTED** letter received from the Energy Networks Association (ENA) regarding their concerns over the process to update the Power Outage and Restoration Alers (POA) Delivery Management Document, which was approved by the Panel in April 2024. The ENA raised a concern that in their view the DCC had not acknowledged its feedback in the review process, nor accurately represented its concerns in the Panel paper submitted for approval in March. The Panel noted that this is an annual paper, which will be submitted again in March 2025, and **RECOMMENDED** the DCC undertake a 'lessons learned' exercise to ensure all feedback is accurately recorded and presented in the next iteration of the document. The Panel Chair advised that she would revert to the ENA with the proposed approach.

The Panel also discussed establishing relations with the National Energy System Operator (NESO) and **AGREED** to invite the representatives of the NESO to attend the October or November Panel meeting to talk about its work and interests.

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

Next Meeting Date: 22 October 2024