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SEC Panel Meeting 140

09:30 – 14:10

SECP_140_2705 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel **APPROVED** the minutes from the SEC Panel 139 meeting as final. The Panel **NOTED** the Actions update and **AGREED** to close all actions marked as Propose to Close.

2. SECP_140_2705_02: SEC Panel Sub-Committee Highlights (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECCo provided the Panel with an update on the activities undertaken by the SEC Sub-Committees within the previous month, including highlighting the non-objections raised by the TAG and the OPSG on DCC's proposal for Future Connectivity North Go-Live. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to close action SECP139/01 for SECCo to streamline Sub-Committee reporting to the Panel.

3. SECP_140_2705_03: Future Connectivity North Go Live (For Decision) (RED)

The DCC provided the Panel with an update on Future Connectivity North (FCN) activities and requested the Panel endorse the FCN Go-Live Plan following SEC Sub-Committee consultation. The Panel **ENDORSED** the DCC's FCN Go-Live Plan, commencing on 30 May 2025, in line with the recommendation received from the OPSG. The Panel **REQUESTED** the DCC facilitate a closed session for the SEC Panel to receive additional information on the FCN Full Business Case, which DESNZ provided a non-objection to in March 2025.

4. SECP_140_2705_04: DCC SoLR – Certificates and Credit Cover (For Discussion) (RED)

The DCC provided the Panel with an update on the Supplier of Last Resort process and lessons learned from the most recent instance, relating to certificates and credit cover. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to close the associated actions.

5. SECP_140_2705_05: SEC Change Update (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECAS provided the Panel with high-level updates from SEC Change meetings and on key Modifications, including MP219 and DP218. The Panel **NOTED** the update and for visibility **REQUESTED** new designation releases be outlined in the Summary section of the SEC Change Report submitted to the Panel each month.

6. SECP_140_2705_06: Quarterly Risks Update (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS provided the Panel with an update on the SEC Panel Risks and Issues, along with any Risks that had been escalated by the Sub-Committees. The Panel **APPROVED** the amendments to the existing SEC Panel Risks and Issues; **DID NOT APPROVE** any risks to be closed; and **NOTED** that no updates had been made to SEC Sub-Committee Risks.

7. SECP_140_2705_07: PAB Update and Terms of Reference (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECCo provided a summary of the proposed changes to the PAB Terms of Reference (ToR), and a recommendation of a change to the PAB Secretariat arrangements whilst the Performance Assurance

procurement activity progresses. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **APPROVED** the recommendation for SECCo resources to undertake PAB Secretariat responsibilities until the procurement activities have concluded. The Panel **DID NOT APPROVE** Version 1.2 of the PAB Terms of Reference, noting additional review was required to ensure any changes were not in contravention of the SEC.

8. SECP_140_2705_08: SSC/SMKI PMA/TABASC Terms of References (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS provided a summary of proposed changes to the Security Sub-Committee (SSC), Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Policy Management Authority (SMK PMA) and Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) Terms of Reference (ToR). The Panel **APPROVED** the updated versions of the ToRs and the associated amendments to the SEC Delegations Register.

9. SECP_140_2705_09: DESNZ Update (For Information) (GREEN)

DESNZ provided an update on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. The Panel **NOTED** the update and consultations relevant to the Panel. It was noted that the Customer Charter was highlighted as being already published but that this was now expected in June.

10. SECP_140_2705_10: Ofgem Update (For Information) (GREEN)

Ofgem provided an update on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. The Panel **NOTED** the update and consultations relevant to the Panel.

11. SECP_140_2705_11: Consultation Responses (For Decision) (CLEAR)

SECCo provided the Panel with proposed responses to the following consultations: DESNZ/Ofgem consultation on Code Licence conditions for Code Reform; DCC 2025/26 Business Plan Consultation; DCC consultation on revised FSM delivery plan; DESNZ consultation on changes to implement VWAN arrangements; Ofgem consultation on CCG ToR and Business Plan Guidance for DCC; and Ofgem consultation on Modifications to the Smart Meter Communication Licence. The Panel **PROVIDED** feedback on the proposed responses and **AGREED** to delegate approval of the consultation responses to the Panel Chair.

12. SECP_140_2705_12: SEC Strategic Plan Update (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECAS presented the Panel with proposed changes to the SEC Strategic Plan, following a six-monthly review process. SECAS noted the proposed changes had been endorsed by the SEC Strategic Working Group. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **APPROVED** the SEC Strategic Plan v5.1.

13. SECP_140_2705_13: Contract & Funding Requests (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS provided the Panel with details of Contract and Funding requests, and the Panel **APPROVED** the requests, with one exception, and **RECOMMENDED** to the Board that the contracts be entered into, and funds released.

14. SECP_140_2705_14: Project Budget Requests (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS presented the Panel with the budgets associated with two projects. The Panel **APPROVED** the proposed spend and **RECOMMENDED** to the Board the release of funds.

15. SECP_140_2705_15: Q1 2025-2026 Work Package (For Decision) (AMBER-STRICT)

SECCo presented the Panel with an overview of the activities and estimated associated costs for delivery of activities in Quarter 1 2025-26 (April – June). The Panel **PROVIDED** feedback on the layout of the report and **APPROVED** the package of work proposed to be completed during the period Q1 2025-26, and related budget.

16. SECP_140_2705_16: SEC Engagement Day (For Discussion) (CLEAR)

SECCo presented the Panel with further details of the SEC Engagement Day proposed agenda and requested input on the format of the SEC Panel Q&A session. The Panel **PROVIDED** feedback on the proposed presenters and preferred composition of the Q&A panel and **NOTED** the update.

17. SECP_140_2705_17: Panel Delegation on Funding and Operational Decisions to SECCo (For Decision) (RED)

SECCo presented an update on proposed Panel delegations on Funding and Operational Decisions of SECCo, including a review of the impacted documentation, proposed processes and suggested amendments to the Panel Terms of Reference. The Panel **AGREED** the proposed delegation, requesting that the role of the Chief of Staff be factored into the processes and procedures.

18. SECP_140_2705_18: Transitional Governance update (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.

19. SECP_140_2705_19: DCC Consultations & Operational Update (For Information) (AMBER)

SECAS presented the Panel with the DCC Consultations and Operational Update which covered the high-level updates from the previous month. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

20. SECP_140_2705_20: DCC Customer First (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS presented the Panel with an update on the Customer First Pilot and the Panel **NOTED** the update.

21. SECP_140_2705_21: Any Other Business (AOB) (GREEN)

The DCC raised an AOB on the Trajectory of 2G & 3G Comms Hubs' installation rates and the Panel **AGREED** the issue be raised for OPSG consideration.

Next Meeting Date: 24 June 2025