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SEC Panel Meeting 141

09:30 – 14:30

SECP_141_2406 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. SECP_141_2406_01: Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information)

The Panel **APPROVED** the minutes from the SEC Panel 140 meeting as final. The Panel **NOTED** the Actions update and **AGREED** to close all actions marked as Propose to Close, with the exception of SECP122/CONF01.

2. SECP_141_2406_02: Election timeline notification (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECAS presented the Panel with the upcoming election timeline, noting a number of vacancies will arise as a result of Panel Members terms ending on 23 September 2025. SECAS will publish the invitation for nominations in late July for the following seats: one vacancy within the Large Supplier Party Category; one vacancy within the Small Supplier Party Category; one vacancy within the Gas Network Party Category; and one vacancy within the Other SEC Party Category. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

3. SECP_141_2406_03: SEC Panel Sub-Committee Highlights (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECCo provided the Panel with an update on the latest Sub-Committee activities and key issues, and SEC Modifications. SECCo highlighted that several Sub-Committees had raised concerns regarding delays to the implementation of the Future Service Management (FSM) programme, however noted the FSM will go through a full Live Services Criteria ahead of Go-Live to provide confidence to Industry. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

4. SECP_141_2406_04: CSPN Long Range Radio Committed Term Sub-Group (For Decision) (RED)

SECCo provided an update on the activities of the Long-Range Radio Committed Term Sub-Group and requested the Panel agree for SECCo to engage with suppliers on a proposed Comms Hub replacement feasibility study. The Panel **REQUESTED** SECCo undertake further discussions on contractual arrangements and return to the Panel with an update, prior to a decision being made.

5. SECP_141_2406_05: PAB Update and Terms of Reference (For Discussion) (GREEN)

Responding to feedback from the previous SEC Panel meeting, SECCo provided a summary of proposed changes to the Performance Assurance Board (PAB) Terms of Reference (ToR) and the Panel **APPROVED** version 1.3 of the ToR as the new baselined version.

6. SECP_141_2406_06: Customer Challenge Group (CCG) Set Up (For Decision) (AMBER-STRICT)

SECCo provided the Panel with the proposed approach for the Customer Challenge Group (CCG) set up, including proposed interactions with a future Finance Sub-Committee (FSC). The Panel highlighted the requirement for appropriate specialist resources to be engaged and noted the tight timeline for CCG implementation. The Panel **AGREED** for SECCo and SECAS to commence activities to establish the

CCG and **RECOMMENDED** the release of funds to the SECCo Board for CCG establishment. The Large Supplier representative noted that he did not have support for a CCG without an FSC in place, and it was agreed that an offline conversation be held between SECCo, the Chair and the SEC Panel member to discuss this. The DCC representative added that he was concerned about how the QFF would be enveloped into these arrangements and the Chair agreed that the DCC representative join the meeting to discuss the Finance SC to consider the QFF.

7. SECP_141_2406_07: User CIO Procurement Outcome (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS presented the Panel with the outcome of the User CIO Procurement process and the preferred bidder as recommended by the Evaluation Panel. The Panel **APPROVED** that the preferred bidder be appointed as the User CIO/ IPA.

8. SECP_141_2406_08: 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.

9. SECP_141_2406_09: Smart Meter Energy Data Repository (SMEDR) Update (For Information) (AMBER)

DESNZ provided an update on the SMEDR Feasibility Study and advised the Department is due to complete further work on the regulatory and technical options for development of the SMEDR. The Panel noted the timeline for SMEDR implementation was unclear, and the Department **AGREED** to provide the Panel with further information on the SMEDR in a follow up session. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

10. SECP_141_2406_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_141_2406_11: Consultation Response (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECCo provided the Panel with proposed responses for the DCC2.0 Scope & Objectives Consultation Phase and Successor Licensee RIGs Consultation. The Panel **PROVIDED** feedback on the proposed response areas and **AGREED** to delegate approval of the final consultation responses to the Panel Chair.

12. SECP_141_2406_12: Operational Performance Regime (OPR) and Baseline Margin Project Performance Adjustment (BMPPA) (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECAS provided an update on the OPR and BMPPA assessments, and noted responses are due on 31 July 2025. SECAS requested the Panel provide any feedback offline on the DCC's engagement and performance, particularly in relation to 4G CH Coverage. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

13. SECP_141_2406_13: SEC Engagement Day (For Discussion) (AMBER)

SECCo presented the Panel with key messages for the SEC Engagement Day (1 July 2025) and the Panel highlighted that any messaging needed to align with the SEC Objectives. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

14. SECP_141_2406_14: Customer Experience Project Outcomes (For Information) (AMBER)

A SECCo consultant presented the Panel with an update on the Customer Experience Project outcomes and work being undertaken on User Personas and automation. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

15. SECP_141_2406_15: Brand re-design (For Decision) (RED)

SECCo provided the Panel with a proposal for the SEC Brand and Visual Identity Redesign project, including the scope, agency selection process, and cost. The Panel **AGREED** for SECCo to undertake the proposed activities and **RECOMMENDED** the release of funds to the SECCo Board.

16. SECP_141_2406_16: DCC On-boarding (For Information) (GREEN)

The DCC and SECCo provided an update on the DCC-led On-boarding Improvement Project, which was initiated in response to findings from government-commissioned reports. The DCC noted the project is focusing on the automation and cohesion of the onboarding process and expects the new DCC Onboarding Portal to go live by the end of 2025. The Panel **NOTED** the paper.

17. SECP_141_2406_17: Quarterly Event of Default (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS presented the Panel with an update on current Events of Default and recommended actions, and the Panel **APPROVED** the recommendations.

18. SECP_141_2406_18: Contract & Funding Requests (For Decision) (RED)

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

19. SECP_141_2406_19: Horizon 7 (For Decision) (RED)

SECCo presented the Panel with a Horizon 7 (the consultancy aiding with SECCo procurement activities) update and the Panel **NOTED** the update.

20. SECP_141_2406_20: Transitional Governance update (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS presented a report on the Transitional Governance meetings, and recent events and developments across the Transitional Governance Committees. This paper was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

21. SECP_141_2406_21: 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.

22. SECP_141_2406_22: User CIO Quarterly Performance Review (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS provided the Panel with an overview of the Q4 2024-25 (Jan-Mar) performance review meeting held between the User Competent Independent Organisation (User CIO), SSC Chair, SECCo and SECAS. This paper was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

23. SECP_141_2406_23: Any Other Business (AOB) (GREEN)

- The DCC provided an update on the DCC's 4G Financing arrangements, noting that expected costs had increased due to macroeconomic factors, and the Panel **AGREED** for the DCC to hold a separate QFF session to allow Industry to review any amendments to the arrangements.
- SECCo provided an update on the go-live governance arrangements to the SMETS1 DCO re-procurement and sought the Panel's agreement for the DCC to undertake a lighter version of the LSC approach. The Panel **AGREED** to delegate the decision on the LSC approach to the Sub-Committee Chairs.

Next Meeting Date: 22 July 2025