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SEC Panel Meeting 145_2810

28 October 2025 09:30 – 13:45

Panel Paper Overview

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FOR DECISION, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION				
1.	Minutes and Actions Outstanding FOR DECISION Draft minutes and Non-Confidential Actions (GREEN) Draft Confidential minutes and Actions (RED)	The Panel will be presented with the Minutes from the 144 meeting and the Actions Outstanding.	APPROVE the minutes as final; and AGREE that any actions marked as Propose to Close can be closed.	Cady Chappell, SECAS
2.	SEC Panel Sub-Committee Highlights FOR INFORMATION (CLEAR)	SECCo will present key updates from the SEC Sub-Committees.	NOTE the update provided.	Robin Healey, SECCo

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3.	Finance Sub-Committee FOR DECISION (AMBER-STRICT)	SECCo will present: - a draft framework ToR for the Finance Sub-Committee (FSC), including the purpose, composition, frequency, and scope of the group. - A pictorial representation of a draft FSC operating model, showing how it could interact with the other SEC Sub-Committees, including the Customer Challenge Group (CCG) - A table showing the high-level ToRs for the CCG, FSC, and the DCC's Quarterly Finance Forum (QFF).	PROVIDE FEEDBACK on the draft operating model and headline ToR; AGREE that the draft operating model and headline ToR may be used to develop the FSC, working in conjunction with the DCC and Ofgem; and AGREE that actions SECP140/02 and SECP142/01 should be closed.	Robin Healey, SECCo
4.	MP298 Decision Referral 'Enhancements to SEC Appendix AW – Performance Assurance' FOR DECISION (CLEAR)	The Change Board unanimously voted to approve MP298 'Enhancements to SEC Appendix AW – Performance Assurance' under Self-Governance on 24 September 2025. A SEC Party (Electricity North West Limited (ENWL)) has elected to refer this decision to the Panel. The Panel is requested to review the modification, and the Change Board's decision, and determine whether MP298 should be approved or rejected.	AGREE to uphold or overturn the Change Board's decision to approve MP298.	Ali Beard, SECAS

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5.	4G CH Exchange Financing Business Case & CH Swap Out Strategy FOR DISCUSSION (RED)	<i>Late paper</i>	TBC	Jon Helyer, DCC Jim Cosgrove, DESNZ
6.	DSP Cost Differences between OBC and FBC FOR INFORMATION (RED)	<i>Late paper</i>	NOTE the update.	Dan Jessop, George Apostolides & Richard Needham, DCC
7.	ESSI Programme Update FOR DISCUSSION (GREEN)	<i>Late paper</i>	TBC	Charlotte Semp, DCC
8.	DESNZ Update FOR INFORMATION (GREEN)	DESNZ will provide an update in presentation form which illustrates the upcoming and current consultations.	NOTE the update.	Jim Cosgrove, DESNZ
9.	Ofgem Update FOR INFORMATION (GREEN)	Ofgem will provide an update in presentation form which illustrates the upcoming and current consultations.	NOTE the update.	Ian Chalfon, Ofgem

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10.	Consultations Update: - Ofgem consultation on Smart Meter Communication Licence; - Ofgem consultation on 4G Comms Hub only exchange visits - DESNZ consultation on technical documents to support Virtual WAN arrangements; and - DCC Consultation on 4G WAN coverage. FOR DECISION (CLEAR)	This paper outlines the key messages that will be used for the responses to the following open consultations: • Ofgem Consultation on Draft new Smart Meter Communication Licence; • Ofgem Consultation on 4G Communications Hub only exchange site visits: proposed methodology for calculating a centralised price; • DESNZ Consultation on DCC User Interface Specification, the Message Mapping Catalogue and the Technical Specification Applicability Tables and upon the date of their incorporation into the SEC And the date of incorporation of the Communications Hub Technical Specification Version 1.7 and the GB Companion Specification Version 4.4; and • DCC Consultation on the proposed delivery plan to develop and maximise the current 4G Wide Area Network (WAN) coverage.	DISCUSS and COMMENT on the key messages for the consultations detailed in the paper. AGREE to delegate approval of the final responses to the SEC Panel Chair.	Oli Meggitt & Kayleigh Neal, SECCo
11.	Consumer Consent Solution Update FOR INFORMATION (CLEAR)	SECCo will present an update to the Panel on the Consumer Consent Solution.	NOTE the update.	Oli Meggitt, SECCo

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12.	Contract & Procurement Requests FOR DECISION (RED)	The SEC Panel is requested to consider and approve the contract changes, contract extensions and agree to commence a procurement exercise set out in the paper. The Board will then be requested to authorise the signing of the related contracts and release associated funds.	APPROVE three contract amendments/extensions; APPROVE a new contract; RECOMMEND to the Board that the above contracts and SOWs be entered into, and funds released; and APPROVE the commencement of a procurement exercise.	Oliver Hall, SECCo
13.	PAF Procurement Update FOR INFORMATION (RED)	The Panel will also be appraised of the result of the Performance Assurance Framework Service Provider Procurement.	NOTE the update to the PAF Service Provider Procurement.	Beth Procter, SECCo
14.	Quarterly Work Package FOR DECISION (AMBER-STRICT)	This paper provides the SEC Panel with an overview of the activities and estimated associated costs for delivery of activity in Quarter 3 2025-26 (October – December).	APPROVE the package of work proposed to be completed during the period October – December 2025, and related budget.	Ross McTaggart, SECCo
15.	DCC Operational Update FOR INFORMATION (CLEAR) Operational update and Major Incident Reporting	The DCC will provide an Operations update, covering the high- level updates from the previous month. The Major Incident report gives an incident summary, actions taken and root cause.	NOTE the update.	N/A

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16.	Sub-Committee Reporting FOR INFORMATION Overview, Appendices A - B (CLEAR) Appendices C - E (RED) <i>RED Documentation Available on Egress</i> Appendix F (GREEN)	The papers provide the Panel and SEC Parties with updates on SEC changes, DCC Assessment Performance report, SEC releases, Quarterly Programme Report and security non-compliances and SSC post-commissioning findings.	NOTE the contents of this paper.	N/A
17.	Transitional Governance update FOR INFORMATION (GREEN)	SECAS provides its view in presentation form on the recent Transitional Governance meetings, and highlights any updates relevant to the SEC.	NOTE the update.	N/A
18.	Any Other Business			Angela Love, Panel Chair