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SEC Panel Meeting 147

09:30 – 13:00

SECP_147_1612 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. SECP_147_1612_01: Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information) (**RED**)

The Panel **APPROVED** the confidential and non-confidential minutes from SEC Panel 145x and SEC Panel 146, subject to minor amendments. The Panel **NOTED** the Actions update and **AGREED** to close all actions marked as Propose to Close, with the exception of SECP143/01. The Panel further **AGREED** to the transfer of CTG actions CTG27/CONF05 and CTG21/01 to the SEC Panel.

2. SECP_147_1612_02: DP311 'Additional Out of Region Communications Hubs Amendments' (For Decision) (**GREEN**)

SECAS presented the Draft Proposal (DP) 311 for 'Additional Out of Region Communications Hubs Amendments', which proposes a change to the legal text implemented by MP308 'Out of region Communication Hubs'. The Panel **AGREED** to the recommendations, including that DP311 should be converted to a Modification Proposal, progressed to the Report Phase, and should be Authority-determined.

3. SECP_147_1612_03: SEC Panel Sub-Committee Highlights (For Information) (**CLEAR**)

SECCo provided updates on the latest Sub-Committee activities and key issues, and SEC Modifications. SECCo highlighted that an additional Panel meeting in March 2026 was likely required to facilitate the Panel's decision on the Public Key Infrastructure – Enduring Live Services Criteria. The Panel **NOTED** the updates.

4. SECP_147_1612_04: GSOP Review Phase 1 Report (For Decision) (**GREEN**)

SECCo presented the findings and recommendations from the first phase of a review of the SEC, purposed to determine the SEC's alignment with Ofgem's proposed Guaranteed Standards of Performance (GSOP). The Panel **ENDORSED** the OPSG's approval of the GSOP Phase 1 Findings and Recommendations; **AGREED** for SECCo to progress the initial proposed SEC Modifications; and **AGREED** actions SECP143/03 and SECP143/13 could be merged and action SECP143/13 closed.

5. SECP_147_1612_05: DCC Price Control Response (For Information) (**AMBER**)

The DCC presented an update on the DCC's response to the Ofgem consultation on DCC Price Control RY 2024 – 2025 and highlighted the DCC will challenge Ofgem's proposed disallowance of costs based on this being excessive and not fully justified. The DCC agreed to re-classify the DCC's Panel paper from Amber to Green, to provide better visibility to SEC Parties on the DCC's position. DCC noted that they would appreciate if their service users would consider DCC's position and make representation to Ofgem, if they had specific views. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** that action SECP146/05 could be closed. The Panel further highlighted that an [updated consultation](#) was published on Ofgem's website, however the date of publication remained the same as the original publication.

6. SECP_147_1612_06: Consultations (For Decision) (CLEAR)

SECCo provided the Panel with proposed response themes to the following consultations:

- Ofgem's consultation on DCC Price Control for 2024 to 2025;
- DESNZ's consultation on the minded to position on the baseline project performance assessment (BMPPA) scheme for the enduring change of supplier (ECoS) arrangements;
- DESNZ's consultation on a DCC BMPPA scheme for ensuring continuity in the provision of the Smart Metering Key Infrastructure Service (SMKIS);
- DESNZ's consultation on remaining SEC subsidiary document changes for Virtual WAN (VWAN) soft launch and updated version of the VWAN transition document; and
- Ofgem's statutory consultation on establishing a harmonised prioritisation process in the industry codes.

The Panel **PROVIDED FEEDBACK** on the proposed responses and **AGREED** to delegate approval of the consultation responses to the Panel Chair.

7. SECP_147_1612_07: Ofgem Update (For Information) (GREEN)

Ofgem provided an update on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to close action SECP146/04.

8. SECP_147_1612_08: Quarterly Events of Default (For Decision) (RED)

SECAS presented the Panel with a quarterly update on Events of Default and recommended actions. The Panel **APPROVED** the recommendations and **AGREED** to merge actions SECP144/CONF04 and SECP146/CONF03 and close actions SECP146/03 and SECP144/CONF04.

9. SECP_147_1612_09: SEC Panel Budget 2026-29 (For Discussion) (RED)

SECCo presented the Panel with the draft SEC Panel Budget and Business Plan 2026-29, following the second Panel Finance and Contracts Sub-Group meeting. The Panel **APPROVED** for the proposed budget to be issued to SEC Parties for comment; **APPROVED** the Business Plan narrative in principle; and **AUTHORISED** the SEC Panel Chair to review the final document and issue for comment.

10. SECP_147_1612_10: Contract & Procurement Requests (For Decision) (RED)

SECCo provided the Panel with details of Contract and Procurement requests, and the Panel **APPROVED** the requests, **RECOMMENDED** to the Board that the contracts be entered into, funds released and procurements commenced.

11. SECP_147_1612_11: SECCo Data Project (For Information) (RED)

SECCo provided the Panel with an update on the SECCo Data Project. The Panel **ENDORSED** progression to project initiation based on the clarified scope and **AGREED** to close action SECP146/CONF09.

12. SECP_147_1612_12: DESNZ Update (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS presented the Panel with an update on DESNZ's recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. The Panel **NOTED** that further information on the future of the Interoperability Checker and Smart Meter Data Repository project was required.

13. SECP_147_1612_13: DCC Consultations and 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. This paper was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

14. SECP_147_1612_14: DCC 2G in the North Update (For Information) (GREEN)

SECAS presented the Panel with the DCC 2G in the North Update. This paper was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

15. SECP_147_1612_15: Sub-Committee Reporting (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECAS presented the Panel with the Sub-Committee Reporting. This paper was provided for information only. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

16. SECP_147_1612_16: 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.

17. SECP_146_2511_24: Any Other Business (AOB) (GREEN)

The Panel **NOTED** the following:

- DCC update on the implementation of MP308 'Out of region Communication Hubs';
- SECAS update on the Talan Migration;
- Panel's letter to DCC on their procurement of a new billing system;
- SECCo update on the Procurement of new Board and Panel Paper Management system.

Next Meeting Date: 27 January 2026.