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SEC Panel Meeting 148

09:30 – 14:30

SECP_148_2701 – Meeting Headlines

Decision, Discussion and Information Items

1. SECP_148_2701_01: Minutes and Actions Outstanding (For Information) (RED)

The Panel **APPROVED** the confidential and non-confidential minutes from SEC Panel 147. The Panel **NOTED** the Actions update and **AGREED** to close all actions marked as Propose to Close.

2. SECP_148_2701_02: SEC Panel Sub-Committee Highlights (For Information) (CLEAR)

SECCo provided updates on the latest Sub-Committee activities and key issues, and SEC Modifications, including the latest testing updates on the Future Service Management and Virtual-WAN programmes. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

3. SECP_148_2701_03: SEC Panel Conflict of Interest Policy (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECCo presented a revised SEC Panel Conflict of Interest Policy for approval, following SEC Panel feedback in November 2025. The Panel **REQUESTED** further clarity on the arrangements concerning the Compliance Manager and constituency conflicts and proposed editorial amendments. The Panel **APPROVED** the SEC Panel Conflict of Interest Policy, subjected to these amendments and clarifications.

4. SECP_148_2701_04: SEC Issues Management Framework Reforms (For Decision) (GREEN)

SECCo presented proposed reforms to the SEC Issues Management Framework for approval, proposing to consolidate the separate processes for issues raised by Parties and Sub-Committees into a single process for triage and management. The Panel highlighted the need for training for SEC Chairs to effectively manage the process and emphasised the need for transparency. The Panel **AGREED** to implement the reformed SEC Issues Management Framework.

5. SECP_148_2701_05: 4G CH Exchange Facility Update (For Information) (RED)

The DCC provided a verbal update on the Department-led 4G Comms Hub (CH) Exchange Facility and highlighted that engagement with Industry on any potential financing arrangements was ongoing via the DCC's Quarterly Finance Forum. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

6. SECP_148_2701_06: SMETS1 MOC Service Continuity (For Decision) (RED)

The DCC presented an update on SMETS1 MOC Service Continuity and **ENDORSED** the DCC's recommendation.

7. SECP_148_2701_07: CCG Report on the DCC Business Plan (For Discussion) (RED)

The Customer Challenge Group (CCG) Chair presented the CCG's review process and challenge of the DCC's ex-ante Business Plan for November 2026 to March 2028. The CCG Chair noted the report was due to be submitted to Ofgem by the end of January 2026. The Panel commended the efforts of the CCG in reviewing the plan and **NOTED** the update.

8. SECP_148_2701_08: 4G and Beyond (For Discussion) (GREEN)

The DCC presented an approach to consideration of future Communications Hub technology beyond 4G, including proposed plans for stakeholder engagement and solution development. The Department emphasised the need for alignment between the DCC and DESNZ on any proposed approach, and the Panel **NOTED** the update.

9. SECP_148_2701_09: 4G Coverage In-Life WAN Assurance Methodology & Report (For Discussion) (AMBER)

The DCC provided an update on the 4G Coverage In-Life Assurance Methodology, and the findings completed to date. The Panel **PROVIDED FEEDBACK** on the frequency and timing of reporting and **NOTED** the update.

10. SECP_148_2701_10: ECoS Strategic Outline Business Case (For Decision) (RED)

The DCC presented an update on the Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) Re-Procurement. The Panel **ENDORSED** the proposed contractual arrangements, Problem Statement and User Business Needs identified in the Business Case.

11. SECP_148_2701_11: DESNZ Update (For Information) (GREEN)

DESNZ provided an update on its recent publications, forthcoming consultations, and key milestones. DESNZ also outlined the ways of working agreed between the DCC and the Department on approaches to developing Business Cases, at the request of the Panel. The Panel **NOTED** the update and **AGREED** to close action SECP143/01.

12. SECP_148_2701_12: Ofgem Update (For Information) (GREEN)

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

13. SECP_148_2701_13: Consultations (For Decision) (CLEAR)

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

- DESNZ consultation on proposed changes to the Network Evolution Transition and Migration Approach Document (NETMAD) in SEC Appendix AU;
- Ofgem consultation on the proposed Forward Work Programme for 2026 to 2027;
- Ofgem consultation on competitive code manager selection for energy code reform; and
- DCC consultation on updates to the go-live arrangements for the Future Service Management (FSM) programme.

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

14. SECP_148_2701_14: Quarterly Work Package Update (For Decision) (AMBER-STRICT)

SECCo presented an overview of the activities and estimated associated costs for delivery of activity in Quarter 4 2025-26 (January - March), for approval. The Panel **APPROVED** the proposed package of work.

15. SECP_148_2701_15: 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.

16. SECP_148_2701_16: 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. The Panel **NOTED** the update.

17. SECP_148_2701_17: 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 **REQUESTED** the DCC provide an update on the invoicing associated with these activities, and the DCC **AGREED** to return to the Panel with an update in April 2026.

18. SECP_148_2701_18: 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.

19. SECP_148_2701_19: 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.

20. SECP_148_2701_20: Any Other Business (AOB) (GREEN)

The Panel **NOTED** the updates provided by Chair on the SEC Panel Draft Budget and Business Plan Webinar, and the DCC on the progress of the User Integration Testing for the VWAN Live Services Criteria which the TAG is due to consider on 28 January 2026.

Next Meeting Date: 24 February 2026