Headlines of the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) 220_2307

The SSC reviews the outcome for Users' and DCC Security Assessments and sets an Assurance status for Initial Full User Security Assessments (FUSAs), or a Compliance status for Verification User Security Assessments (VUSAs) and subsequent FUSAs. The SSC also reviews outstanding actions, monitors the risks to the Commercial Product Assurance (CPA) Certification of Devices, considers available updates from the DCC on the security implications of proposed changes and Anomaly Detection and any reported changes in Shared Resource Providers by Users and reported Security Incidents and Vulnerabilities.

The SSC reviewed the following User Security Assessments, the outcomes of which are classified as **RED** and therefore recorded in the Confidential Meeting Minutes:

- Set the Compliance Status for two Verification User Security Assessment (VUSA) and one Security Self-Assessment (SSA).
- Approved one Remediation Plan and Director's Letter.

The SSC discussed the following items:

Matters Arising – User Security Assessment Related

- The SSC was provided with information on Small Supplier 'CS's Material Change request, and the SSC **NOTED** the update and **APPROVED** the Material Change.
- The SSC was provided with information on Large Supplier 'B's User Notification of a Second User System, and the SSC **NOTED** the update.
- The SSC was requested to agree on the type of assessment Triage Facility Provider 'A' should conduct in 2025. The SSC **AGREED** on the assessment type.
- The SSC was updated on the Director's Letter provided by Small Supplier 'Z' regarding its Remediation Plan, which the SSC **NOTED**.

Matters Arising: Non-User Security Assessment Related

- The SSC was updated on the timeline for the SSC 2025 elections, and which seats are expiring. The deadline for nominations is 5 August 2025 and can be made via the SEC Website.
- The SSC was informed that Egress has rebranded to KnowBe4 but the functionality and security features remain the same.

- The SSC was reminded that the Elective Communication Service (ECS) Report for June 2025 is available for review.

Agenda Items

2. **DCC CIO Assessments, Forward Look and Remediations:**
   The SSC:
   - Set the Compliance Status for two DCC CIO Security Assessments; and
   - **NOTED** updates on two DCC CIO Security Assessments.

   The DCC Forward Look was also presented, which the SSC **NOTED**. **(RED)**

4. **Anomaly Detection Report:** The DCC presented its six-month rolling anomaly detection report, including updated volume and rate observations from the previous month, which the SSC **NOTED**. **(RED)**
5. **Post-Commissioning Report:** The DCC presented the monthly post-commissioning report and gave an overview of PCO failures and Certificate rotation activity, which the SSC **NOTED**. **(RED)**
6. **PKI-E: CIO Scope:** The DCC presented the scope of the Security Assurance for the Private Key Infrastructure – Enduring (PKI-E) programme, in line with the Live Service Criteria. The SSC requested further detail on mitigation planning and **NOTED** the update. **(RED)**
7. **OCA Certificate Management:** The DCC updated the SSC on the OCA Certificate Management programme, in response to the SSC's request. The tactical and enduring solutions for the SMETS2 Certificate Rotation were presented, including a cost breakdown, details on the delivery of the solution and operational impacts. The SSC **NOTED** the update and provided feedback. **(AMBER-STRICT)**
8. **DSP Recovery Risk Assessment (Recovery Arrangements):** The DCC updated the SSC on the Data Service Provider (DSP) Recovery Risk Assessment, explaining the background of the item and the two options identified. The SSC **NOTED** the update and provided feedback. **(RED)**
9. **DSP Risk 11 – Update:** This item was deferred due to additional information being required. **(RED)**
10. **Future Connectivity North**: The DCC updated the SSC on security assurance for the Future Connectivity North (FCN) programme. The SSC requested further detail to be presented at a future SSC meeting and **NOTED** the update. **(RED)**
11. **Trial Device Application – Manufacturer 'L':** The SSC considered the Trial Device Application from Manufacturer 'L'. The SSC **APPROVED** the Trial Device Application in line with its obligation under SEC Section F2.18.
12. **CPA Scheme:** The SSC Chair presented an update on CPA Risk Reviews and CPA Matters, which the SSC **NOTED**. **(RED)**

13. **Modifications Update:** SECAS presented new modification proposals, and updates to ongoing modification proposals of interest to the SSC. The SSC **NOTED** the update. **(CLEAR)**

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Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 August 2025