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Headlines of the Security Sub-Committee (SSC)

229_1012 10 December 2025

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 set the Compliance Status for three Full User Security Assessments (FUSA) and two Verification User Security Assessments (VUSA) and approved one Full User Security Assessment Sec Remediation Plan and Director's Letter.

Matters Arising

- The SSC reviewed three material change updates and agreed the next stages.
- The SSC considered next steps for Post Quantum Computing. Members agreed to establish an SSC Subgroup focused on Post Quantum Computing Preparation. It was noted that Terms of Reference will be drafted as an action and will be reviewed at the next SSC meeting.
- The SSC noted information on NCSCs Cyber UK Conference scheduled for 21 – 23 April 2026.
- The SSC noted information on the SSC Risk assessment procedure and noted the overall sourcing timeline.

Agenda Items

2a. DCC CIO Assessments: The SSC **APPROVED** one DCC Security Assessment Remediation Plan & Director's Letter. **(RED)**

2b. DCC CIO Forward Look and Remediations: The DCC CIO provided an update on the DCC CIO Forward Look. The SSC **NOTED** the update. **(RED)**

4a. CPA Matters: The SSC Chair presented updates on CPA Matters. The SSC provided feedback and **AGREED** the outcomes. **(RED)**

- 4b. Device Matters:** The SSC Chair presented an update on Device matters and the SSC **NOTED** the update. (**RED**)
- 4c. SCIRS Agenda:** The SSC Chair presented members with the SCIRS agenda for the meeting scheduled 15 December 2025. Members **AGREED** the proposed agenda. (**GREEN**)
- 5. Security Architecture Briefing Note:** The SSC Chair presented members with the draft Security Architecture Briefing Note. Members provided feedback on the sections. SECAS confirmed that the feedback would be addressed, and the Briefing note would be presented for approval at the next meeting (SSC 230) on 14 January 2026. The SSC **NOTED** the update.
- 6. Trial Device Certificate request for the VWCH:** The DCC presented the SSC with the Trial Device Certificate application request for VWCH for VWAN Soft Launch which members noted. Members were further provided with an update on the VWAN Risk Assessment. The SSC agreed that further work is required on the risk assessment, the DCC confirmed they would action the feedback and return with the updates at the next meeting SSC 230. The SSC **NOTED** the update.
- 7. FSM Penetration Testing:** The DCC presented members with information on the FSM penetration testing. The SSC agreed that there are no remaining material risks to prevent migration of the Smart Metering Inventory (SMI). The DCC confirmed the Smart Metering Inventory Migration will commence on Thursday 11 December.
- 8. ECoS Re-procurement:** The DCC presented members with the Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) Re-procurement, noting the Problem Statement and User Business Needs. The SSC **NOTED** the update and provided feedback. (**GREEN**)
- 9. DSP Install and Commission Migration:** The DCC presented information on the DSP in Install and Commission Migration and provided members with an update on the proposed options for migration of Access Control Broker (ACB) Certificates. The SSC **NOTED** the update.
- 10. SMETS 1 MOC Decommissioning and Separation:** The DCC shared an update on the Smart Meter Equipment Technical Specification 1 (SMETS1) Middle Operating Capability (MOC) Decommissioning and Separation. Members were provided with information on the findings and observations which were presented in the CIO Report. (**RED**)
- 11. HSM as a Service:** The DCC introduced the HSM as A Service, and noted the HSM strategy, and solution considerations. The SSC **NOTED** the update. (**RED**)
- 12. Caching SRV 4.10 for SMETS1 Devices:** SECAS provided an overview of Draft Proposal (DP) 312 and the SMETS1 SRV noting the usage estimates and forum views. SECAS

confirmed the physical implementation of the SEC Modification will be April 2027. The SSC **AGREED** that there were no significant security risks.

13. Standing Agenda Items: SECAS noted that there were no Security Incidents and Vulnerabilities reported since the last SSC Meeting. (**RED**)

14. AOB: Members raised two items of AOB which the SSC **NOTED**. (**RED**)

Next Meeting: 14 January 2026