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Headlines of the Security Sub-Committee (SSC) 236_0804 – 8 April 2026

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 one Full User Security Assessment (FUSA), one Verification User Security Assessment (VUSA), one Security Self-Assessment (SSA) and one Decommissioning Security Self-Assessment (DSSA).

Matters Arising

The SSC reviewed two User Notifications of a Material Security Change.

The SSC noted information on the Ofgem Consultation on Reshaping Cyber Regulation in Downstream Gas and Electricity, noting that Ofgem is looking for engagement. The SSC Chair noted that the consultation closes on 22 May 2026.

Members noted the [Energy Digitalisation Framework: A vision for a coordinated and connected energy system](#).

The SSC Chair noted the [Smart Data 2035](#) government strategy.

Agenda items:

2. **DCC CIO Forward Look (FOR INFORMATION):** SECAS provided information on the DCC CIO Forward Look. The SSC **NOTED** the update. **(RED)**
3. **Post Quantum Computing Working Group (PQCWG) FOR DECISION:** The SSC Chair presented members with the updated changes to the PQCWG terms of reference. Members noted the changes and **APPROVED** the ToR. **(RED)**
5. **CPA Matters (FOR DECISION):** The SSC Chair presented updates on CPA Matters. The SSC provided feedback and **AGREED** the outcomes. **(RED)**
6. **4G and Beyond (FOR INFORMATION):** The DCC presented SSC with an update on the DCC approach for Next Generation Communications Hub (NGCH). The DCC also provided the NCSC PQC Mitigation timeline. The SSC **NOTED** and provided feedback. **(AMBER-STRICT)**
7. **Future Service Management (FSM) Live Service Criteria (LSC) (FOR DECISION):** The DCC presented the FSM LSC. The SSC Chair noted that the DCC Security Assurance is mandated under the DCC Licence Schedule 5 Part B, with go-live security input based on DCC CISO confirmation and independent DCC CIO assurance. Members provided feedback and **NOTED**

that there are outstanding security items to be remediated which will require an ex-Committee decision before a recommendation can be made to the SEC Panel. . **(RED)**

- 7a. **DCC Connect LSC (FOR DECISION):** The DCC presented the DCC Connect LSC and provided an overview of the security assurance scope. The SSC raised no security objections to the planned 22 April 2026 go-live, noting this is an internal DCC release with no User impact.
8. **Artificial Intelligence Meeting Recording (FOR DECISION):** Talan and SECCo presented members with the MS Teams Premium risk assessment for Artificial Intelligence Meeting Recording, noting the key risks for cyber security. Members were further presented with the policy mitigations. Members provided feedback and **AGREED** to the meeting recording, subject to the controls and mitigations described. **(RED)**
9. **PQ Shield Report (FOR INFORMATION):** The PQ Shield representative shared the outcome of a review of the DCC Post Quantum Computing (PQC) Proof of Concept (PoC). Members were provided with the background, summary of the approach, strategy and the suggested next steps. The SSC provided feedback on the approach and **NOTED** the update. **(AMBER-STRICT)**
10. **Risk Register:** The SSC Risk Register review was postponed to the next SSC Meeting 237.
11. **Standing Agenda Items (FOR INFORMATION):** The SSC Chair noted that there were no Vulnerabilities reported since the last SSC Meeting. The SSC Chair noted that an SSC Member provided analysis on the threat assessment reviewed at SSC on 25 March 2026. Members noted the information. The SSC **NOTED** the updates. **(RED)**
12. **AOB (FOR INFORMATION):** Members raised one items which the SSC **NOTED** and provided feedback. **(RED)**

Next Meeting: 22 April 2026