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Technical Architecture and Business Architecture Sub-Committee (TABASC) Meeting 126 on 4 June 2026

09:30 – 15:30

Meeting Headlines

1. Minutes and Actions Outstanding (**GREEN**)

SECAS noted that no comments were received for the TABASC 125 Minutes and requested that they be approved as final. No objections were raised. SECAS presented action updates and actions which were proposed to close.

The TABASC **APPROVED** the TABASC 125 minutes as final and **AGREED** to close the actions as proposed.

2. CoS Re-Procurement Solution Options (**GREEN**)

The DCC updated the TABASC on the solution options for the Change of Supply (CoS) re-procurement. The DCC presented the essential and desirable business needs and four solution options, including the recommended option to transfer the Service Provider, and rotate private keys at a later point. This option was supported by the majority of the 12 Request For Information (RFI) respondents.

The TABASC broadly supported the recommended option but requested further information regarding the potential cost differential of out-of-hours application support for implementations

The TABASC acknowledged a change in arrangements may require a SEC change.

The TABASC **SUPPORTED** the preferred CoS solution option and **NOTED** the need for additional information regarding out-of-hours support.

3. 4G & Beyond – Update (**AMBER**)

The DCC presented an update on the 4G & Beyond programme, including the risks relating to long-term availability of 4G communications, and the early-stage development of solution options. The TABASC considered a set of emerging trade-offs around resilience, technology selection and HAN futureproofing. The DCC confirmed that further discussion would take place at the July 2026 TABASC meeting, with the expectation that the Outline Business Case will be submitted at the end of July.

The TABASC highlighted that the trade-offs will require further detailed consideration, and the Chair encouraged Members to reflect on these within their organisations ahead of the next phase of engagement.

The TABASC **NOTED** the update.

4. ADT Processes for DSP2 (GREEN)

The DCC presented the proposed approach to managing Anomaly Detection Thresholds (ADTs) during Data Service Provider (DSP) 1 / DSP2 dual running and Device migration. The TABASC acknowledged the intent to minimise impact to Customers, but highlighted risks associated with threshold splitting across two DSPs, particularly the potential for operational disruption.

The TABASC provided feedback on risk areas including quarantine handling, security controls and compliance challenges.

The TABASC **NOTED** the update.

5. DSP Design Integrity – Monthly Update (GREEN)

The DCC provided a monthly update on design integrity with a focus on embedding Customer-centric design into DSP2 and addressing identified Customer pain points through the design and testing lifecycle. The DCC proposed that the Customer pain-points should form the basis for a set of TABASC design risks and issues, which would be tracked and reported throughout the programme. The TABASC supported the proposed approach.

The TABASC **NOTED** the update.

6. MP293 – Full Impact Assessment (CLEAR)

SECAS presented the Full Impact Assessment for the proposed solution for [MP293 – ‘Provision of an DCC enhanced availability service to DCC users during DCC Service disruption / adverse weather’](#). The DCC presented the proposal of an Enhanced Availability (EA) service to maintain limited Smart Meter functionality during DSP outages, particularly where planned maintenance coincides with adverse weather events. The TABASC noted the operational benefits, but raised questions around value for money, scope limitations and implementation timelines.

7. LRR WAN Audit (AMBER)

The DCC presented the findings of the Long-Range Radio (LRR) WAN Audit which focused on the review of coverage and connectivity issues in the North.

The TABASC **NOTED** the update.

8. LRR Committed Term New / Enhanced Requirements (AMBER)

The DCC provided an update of LRR Committed Term (CT) requirements, which had incorporated stakeholder feedback and lessons learned from the recent audit. The DCC highlighted that the new requirements aim to establish a more proactive performance and network management framework and introduces enhanced expectations around data visibility and operational control.

The TABASC Chair encouraged Members to review the full requirements set and provide comments as soon as possible, to ensure that any issues are captured before contractual arrangements are finalised.

The TABASC **NOTED** the update.

9. TABASC Risk Review (AMBER)

SECAS presented updates to the TABASC Risk Log, and the TABASC discussed a potential risk closure and the introduction of a new risk.

The TABASC **APPROVED** the updated Risk Register, subject to simplification of wording to the new risks.

10. CSA Presentation – ZigBee Smart Energy Protocol (AMBER-STRICT)

Representatives from the Connectivity Standards Alliance (CSA) presented on the future direction of the ZigBee Smart Energy protocol. The TABASC sought clarification on the potential impact to existing Devices and discussed emerging considerations such as post-quantum cryptography.

The TABASC **NOTED** the presentation.

11. Any Other Business (GREEN)

Three items of other business were raised.

SEC Panel Assessment – DCC Engagement

SECAS invited TABASC Members to provide feedback on DCC communications in line with the SEC Panel's obligation under the Ofgem DCC price control.

4G & Beyond – Further Engagement

The Chair noted that further discussion may be required on the 4G & Beyond programme, and may need to take place outside of a scheduled meeting of the TABASC. The Chair asked Members to put forward any proposals of how this could be facilitated, and suggested that an additional meeting or workshop may be required ahead of the July 2026 meeting of the TABASC.

July 2026 In-Person Meeting

The Chair reminded Members that the July 2026 meeting of the TABASC will be in person. This will be held at the London office, and have a later start time of 10am.

No further items were raised, and the Chair closed the meeting.

Next Meeting Date: 2 July 2026.