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Welcome to the Defence Growth Partnership November Update!

I would like to thank Dave Armstrong and Sir Brian Burridge for their outstanding contributions as DGP Skills work strand leader and DSC Liaison board chair respectively. I am delighted to announce that Norman Bone Chairman and MD of Leonardo UK will take on the role as leader for Skills and that Colin Paynter, MD of Airbus Defence and Space Ltd will take on the role as DSC Liaison board chairman. I know that all of those in the DGP will give Colin and Norman their full support in taking forward such vital roles within the DGP.

At the Ministerial Meeting on the 15th October, the Steering Committee were able to discuss the progress and future goals with the Government Co-Chair Richard Harrington and MinDP Stuart Andrew. Our programme received full support from both ministers and we now have an excellent way forward in supporting the MoDs Modernising Defence Programme and contributing to the

official response to the Philip Dunne MP Review.

The DGP is pleased to support the proposal from Richard Harrington that Philip Dunne will also take up a deputy chair role within the DGP. Philip is, of course, very well known and respected within the sector and we are looking forward working with Philip to implement the strategy for the DGP.

There is planning in progress for several exciting events in the next month including the 6th of November with the Value Chain Competitiveness Workshop hosted by Rolls Royce. We are looking to boost the productivity of our sector by working even more closely with our collective supply chains. In addition on the 12th of November we have the ministerial announcement of the DGP Innovation Challenge Winners at the IET in London.

Key Progress Update

Skills

This month, we were pleased to announce that Norman Bone and Leonardo will be leading Skills next, following on from Dave Armstrong and MBDA. A workshop is in planning to kick it off; but in the mean time, the team behind DEEP have still been working hard. Numbers are being finalised for the first intake in January, and the Governance Model will be presented at the Steering Committee this month.

There is also currently some underutilisation of the Post-Graduate Certificates that are offered alongside the Executive MBA; information about this will be communicated around the DGP Partner companies over the coming weeks.

Key Progress Update

Value Chain Competitiveness

Rolls-Royce are hosting a Value Chain Competitiveness event with the DGP member companies on 6 November at their headquarters, Buckingham Gate London. The event is designed to be an interactive workshop on the work completed to date on the Value Chain Competitiveness (VCC) Framework and to seek a collective view on the way forward. This workshop is a significant follow on step from the earlier workshops held at the Rolls-Royce Bristol site that helped to frame the VCC approach. The presentations at the workshop will share the thinking and approach behind the framework and present a detailed overview of its content and operation. The DGP participants will have an opportunity to give feedback on the structure and content, raise questions and discuss potential next steps or options for deployment.

Please see below the update from the UK Defence Solutions Centre from the past month.

From an organisational perspective UKDSC are delighted to welcome Colin Paynter as our new Liaison Board chairman and wanted to thank Sir Brian Burridge for his stewardship and support over the past three years. In addition we welcome Linda Cabrera to the team, she has joined the UKDSC as Executive Assistant to Mark Barclay.

On the **Operations** front, BEIS has requested three different funding profiles with associated impacts to be detailed in the 5 year business case. These have been drafted and are awaiting submission.

The **Market Intelligence Cell (MIC)** is two-thirds of the way through the six month Implementation Phase of its Shared Information System (SIS). The Implementation Phase runs until end December 2018; with full operating capability planned to commence on 1st January 2019. The MIC team has scheduled several SIS User Group events through to mid-November 2018 and will use these events to work with stakeholders to develop the optimum portfolio of country specific and capability driven market analyses. Currently, the SIS has over 200 users across government and industry and the MIC team remains on-track to expand that to around 250 users by end 2018. In order to further inform stakeholders on progress, the MIC has created a resource loaded schedule to maintain currency of the information held in the MIC. The MIC also continues to undertake extensive research for DIT-DSO and provide continued support to the sDSO teams. Finally, the MIC welcomed two new secondees in October: Andrew Bishop from Cobham and John Gilley from Atkins.

The **Capability Team** held various engagements during the period including; the Chiring of the UK Industry NATO Forum, attendance at the EW SME Working Group, discussions with Symposia at Shrivenham around a keynote presentation from the ISR and EW Capability Leads at the forthcoming Shrivenham EW Conference. A successful Defence Industrial Dialogue was held in a strategic market, and plans were developed to look to establish a similar mechanism in another strategic market. Priority capability themes for two strategic markets were finalised, and capability plans to support these are under development. Engagements with Defence Equipment Sales Agency (DESA) continue and we are keen to build this collaboration. Finally, Communities of Interest around Indigenous Industrial Participation and capability approaches with a strategic market were also held during the period.

The **Innovation Team** continued to progress CSIF 1 with visits to Subsea UK, O>C, Edinburgh Centre for Robotics (Edinburgh University), and the Offshore Robotics for Certification of Assets (ORCA) Hub (Heriott Watt University) and the Offshore Renewables (Glasgow). The purpose of each visit was to engage with current CSIF 1 partners and develop further relationships with the Oil and Gas sector and offshore renewables as both sectors are developing autonomous systems for use in their infrastructure and asset inspections. The innovation team further supported the Capability Team, from a technical perspective, during overseas visitor meeting held at the UKDSC's facilities in Farnborough.

For more information and the latest updates, visit the [UKDSC Website](#).

October has been a busy month for us as we continue working on our country strategies. We continue to report on individual strategy progress at the fortnightly DGP Operations Board. We are currently preparing for the DGP Steering Committee on 8th November. We have also welcomed new members of the team as Strategy Leads this month.

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