

Defence Growth Partnership 27th April 2016

Anna Soubry welcomed Allan Cook as the new Industry co-chair and thanked Steve Wadey for his leadership in developing the DGP to where it is today.

Both Anna Soubry and Philip Dunne emphasised the important and exciting stage the DGP is at, with the need to deliver what we said we would do in this implementation phase, engaging SMEs and continue to create an ambitious programme of work.

Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) puts prosperity as one of the core objectives. DGP is a key part of making that real - stimulating innovation with clear exploitation and export routes and unlocking greater private sector investment.

It is important that DGP is able to demonstrate impact. It must stay focused on the med-long term changes needed to improve the competitiveness of the UK, but also delivering success now by getting the best UK has to offer to market quicker and investing in what our customers want.

The group had a demonstration of the SharpCloud tool the UK Defence Solution Centre is using to allow a collaborative approach to developing capability roadmaps and exchanging information with the value chain.

UKTI Defence and Security Organisation provided an update on the Countries of Focus work to identify priority medium to long term markets to develop a deeper relationship with. The next step was a cross Whitehall and industry workshop to assess the latest information and further prioritise. Industry need to look hard at developing a 'Team UK' approach to increase our probability of winning exports.

The eyes of the defence world will be focused on the Farnborough International Airshow in July, it is a great opportunity to demonstrate the progress DGP is making and future ambitions.