

**Defence Growth Partnership**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, Meeting Note**

**Introductions**

*Matthew Hancock, the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Energy and co-chair, welcomed everyone to the seventh meeting of the Defence Growth Partnership, including Sir Gerald Howarth, local MP for Aldershot. The meeting was held at Cody Technology Park, Farnborough as part of the official opening of the UK Defence Solutions Centre (UK DSC).*

The opening of the UK DSC completed another significant milestone for the DGP and the effort put in to make it happen was recognised.

*Steve Wadey, Managing Director of MBDA UK and the industry co-chair, noted the DGP had come along way and at present was around half way along the implementation plan. The commitment from all parties remained strong going forwards towards the next major milestone at DSEI in September 2015.*

*Philip Dunne, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Defence Equipment, Support and Technology, welcomed the opening of the UK DSC and added MOD would support innovative solutions across the sector by launching a new Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) competition. The results of this £10 million competition would be announced at DSEI.*

**Implementation Plan – update and next steps**

There were 120 days until DSEI and industry continues to commit resources to ensure progression against the implementation plan milestones. Working towards DSEI the DGP would publish its 'one year on' report. To get to DSEI work would be delivered through 4 key strands: Strengthened DSO, the Programme Liaison Board was operational and the new UKTI DSO Joint Team looking at country opportunities would be established in the next couple of months; UK DSC, resourcing issues had been addressed with industry secondees identified; Growth opportunities would be formally launched at DSEI following their identification in the updated UK DSC business plan to be published in June; DSEI would be used as the first global showcase for the DGP brand.

Strengthening industry's capabilities the Defence Apprenticeship Trailblazer had the Standard approved by BIS/DfE and would be further developing the Assessment Plan for approval by the Apprenticeship Trailblazer in June.

Targets met against the implementation plan milestones were broadly on track with the focus now on presenting the DGP mid-term progress at DSEI (15-18 September).

## Attendees

### Joint Chairs

Rt Hon Matthew Hancock      MP Minister for Business and Enterprise and Energy  
Steve Wadey                      Managing Director, MBDA UK

### Business

Stephen Ball                      CEO, Lockheed Martin UK  
Stephen Fitz-Gerald              CEO, Marshall Aerospace Victor Chavez CEO, Thales UK  
David Mellors                      CFO, QinetiQ  
Allan Cook CBE                      Chairman, Atkins Group  
Sir Brian Burridge                CEO, Finmeccanica UK  
Ian Griffiths                        COO, General Dynamics  
Richard Daniel                    CEO, Raytheon UK  
Peter Rogers CBE                 CEO, Babcock  
Dr Roger Hood                    Hewlett-Packard Defence  
Lee Griffiths                        Head of UK Govt, Cobham Group  
Paul Everitt                        CEO, ADS  
Andrew Radcliffe                 UK DSC Executive Team, BAE Systems  
Stuart Young                        Head Customer Innovation, Thales UK  
Paul Kahn                          President, Airbus Group UK  
Al Smith                            Customer Business Director UK, Rolls Royce  
Steve Brittan                        CEO, UK DSO  
Paul Crawley                        DGP Project Manager, MBDA UK

### Government

Philip Dunne MP                 Minister for Defence Equipment, Support and Technology  
Paul Hamilton                      Head of MOD Industrial Policy  
Huw Walters                        Head of Aerospace, Marine & Defence,  
Stephen Phipson                    Head, UKTI DSO

### Apologies

Conrad Bailey                      Defence Adviser, No10  
Nigel Whitehead                 Group Managing Director, BAE Systems  
Bob Stoddart                        President Customer Business, Defence, Rolls-Royce  
Susanna Mason                    Director Commercial, Scrutiny & Industrial Policy, MOD  
Victor Chavez                        CEO, Thales UK  
Kevin Craven                        CEO, Defence Serco  
Matt Wiles                          COO, Serco UK  
Janice Munday                      Director Advanced Manufacturing & Services, BIS