



Ministry  
of Defence

**DEFENCE SUPPLIERS FORUM**

**FIRST MEETING 2018**

**21 May 2018**

**5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pepys Suite, MOD Main Building**

**Government**

Rt. Hon Gavin Williamson MP	Secretary of State for Defence (Chair)
Guto Bebb MP	Minister for Defence Procurement
Richard Harrington MP	Minister for Business and Industry
Sir Simon Bollom	CEO Defence Equipment and Support
Andrew Forzani	Chief Commercial Officer
Huw Walters	Director Economic Security and Prosperity
Tina Kent	Defence Strategy and Priorities Head
Lisa Hole	Industrial Policy Head
Simon Everest	DIT Defence and Security Organisation Head
Keith Hodgkinson	BEIS Deputy Director, Advanced Manufacturing Service

**Industry**

Charles Woodburn	CE, BAE Systems
Archie Bethel	CEO, Babcock International Group
Andrew Cowdery	Head of Government Relations, Leonardo MW Ltd.
Victor Chavez	CE, Thales UK
Peter Ruddock	CE, Lockheed Martin UK
Kevin Craven	CEO, SERCO, UK and Europe
Steve Rowbotham	COO, General Dynamics UK
Simon Fovargue	VP, DXC Technology
David Pitchforth	VP, Boeing Defense, Space & Security Global Operations
Chris Allam	MD, MBDA
Bob Stoddart	Director Customer Business Defence, Rolls-Royce
Steve Wadey	CEO, QinetiQ
Jeremy Greaves	VP Communications, Airbus

**Representative from the Mid-Tier Forum**

Nick Elliott	DG Commercial, DE&S
Alan Buckland	CEO, Atkins Global
Muir Macdonald	Mid-Tier Representative

**Representative from the SME Forum**

Andy Tuscher	Director, EEF
Matthew Goodwin	MD, Goodwin International

**Apologies**

Colin Paynter	MD Defence and Space, Airbus Group UK
Norman Bone	Chairman, Leonardo MW

## **1. DEFENCE UPDATE**

Since the last Defence Supplier's Forum (DSF), the Government has progressed its agenda both home and abroad. Internationally, the Government has successfully completed Phase 1 of the Article 50 negotiations with the European Union. Domestically, the Government has published the National Security Capability Review (NSCR), which established how government can apply its national security apparatus to address the increasing and diversifying threats to the UK. Building on the firm foundations of both Strategic Defence Security Review 2015 and the NSCR, the Ministry of Defence (MOD) has announced the development of the Modernising Defence Programme.

Wider government and the MOD have published the national Industrial Strategy and the refreshed Defence Industrial Policy respectively. In addition, the MOD has recently announced the development of a Combat Air Strategy.

The Secretary of State Gavin Williamson and Sir Simon Bollom, the new CEO of Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S), were welcomed to the forum.

## **2. UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION**

The Government's National Industrial Strategy was published in November 2017, and set out a long-term plan to boost the productivity and earning power of people throughout the UK. The Strategy focused on the five foundations of productivity to achieve its long-term plan, these are: Ideas, People Infrastructure, Business Environment and Places.

In addition, the Industrial Strategy called for bids from industry for Sector Deals to transform and upgrade their sector. A potential Defence Sector Deal is being led by the Defence Growth Partnership and experience from the first tranche of sector deals will be considered in its development.

## **3. UPDATE ON THE MODERNISING DEFENCE PROGRAMME**

In January the Modernising Defence Programme (MDP) began as a continuation of last year's National Security Capabilities Review (NSCR). We have continued our analysis of the changing threat picture, and are working to further strengthen and modernise UK defence and the Armed Forces, to ensure they can play their full part in tackling the changing global security context; to better integrate national and international efforts to strengthen collective defence and security; and put UK defence onto an enduringly affordable footing for the future.

We will be looking at how we will work differently with industry in order to get more from the investments that we make. We will be increasingly demanding as a customer but are prepared to change to be a better customer too. The MOD aims to publish headline conclusions in the summer.

## **4. PROMOTING PROSPERITY – A MID-TIER PERSPECTIVE**

The DSF Mid-Tier Group has examined the opportunities for Defence to grow the contribution that the sector makes to UK economic growth. The DSF Main members recognised the contribution of Mid-Tier companies and noted their thoughts were consistent with their own view of the UK prosperity agenda.

## **5. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 October 2018, MOD Main Building, London.