



## UK SECURITY AND RESILIENCE INDUSTRY SUPPLIERS COMMUNITY CONSTITUTION

### **Vision and purpose**

RISC is an inclusive alliance of industry, trade associations and think tanks, bound by this constitution and a determination to help Government and the Critical National Infrastructure deliver a more secure and safe environment for UK citizens.

The RISC membership covers all those organisations who are members of the bodies who form part of the alliance, and associated and subsidiary bodies\*.

RISC seeks positive, enduring and value creating relationships between its members and Government, its agencies and other stakeholders. RISC also aims to help Government and others to think through the industrial implications of strategic choices in the security domain.

RISC exists as a forum where the different industrial sectors in Security - represented by their Trade Associations - can act collectively and transparently in the national interest, in partnership with Government, the Critical National Infrastructure and other demand-side organisations.

### **Behaviours and transparency**

RISC's members see RISC as an enabler, and will conduct their work in this spirit: being non profit-making and non-contracting.

RISC's members undertake to foster behaviours which are consistent with providing advice, consultation and guidance to Government as appropriate, working in a collaborative manner which is independent of individual business agendas.

Information on the proceedings of RISC should be open to all members of the organisations represented there, subject to normal arrangements regarding the handling of information that is classified or in confidence.

\* For example, DMA will involve APPSS and NBC (UK); Intellect and SBAC will involve UKspace, and SBAC will involve BAG.

## **RISC Council**

RISC shall have a Council to supervise activity on behalf of the wider industry membership, meeting 3-4 times yearly. In addition, a small Executive group will provide day-to-day management of activity between meetings.

### **Council membership**

RISC's founding trade associations - BSIA, DMA, Intellect and SBAC - will each hold a permanent seat on the Council.

Each trade association will nominate up to three industrial members from within their membership, according to their own internal nomination processes.

Industrial members will serve a three year term, but initial terms will be staggered across 1, 2 and 3 year terms to ensure incremental rather than wholesale membership change.

RUSI and Chatham House will also each hold a permanent seat on the Council, as representatives of the think tank community and gateways to the academic community.

The Council may also wish to invite experts from relevant organisations to attend meetings.

### **Nomination Committee**

The 4 trade associations will form a nomination committee charged with ensuring that nominations do not duplicate company names, that the overall mix of the council is suitably representative and that the arrangements for incremental change in membership work effectively.

### **Chair and Vice-Chair**

Chair of RISC will be an elected position, with nominees drawn from the industrial membership of RISC. The position will first be offered to the members represented on the RISC Council but if this does not result in an appointment being made then RISC members may be asked to invite applications from outside the Council membership.

Vice-Chair of RISC will be drawn from the trade association staff representatives who are members of RISC, by agreement between the associations. The Vice-Chair will have responsibility for the running of the secretariat.

Both Chair and Vice-Chair will hold yearly terms.

## **Executive group**

The RISC Executive group will consist of the Chair, along with their immediate predecessor (known as the Past Chair) and immediate successor (Future Chair) as well as the Secretariat. This is in order to provide continuity from year to year, and allow each new incumbent to become acclimatised prior to assuming the role.

The Vice-Chair will also sit on the Executive group, along with their immediate predecessor (Past Vice Chair) and successor (Future Vice Chair), for the same reasons.

Each year an election will therefore be held amongst the RISC membership to elect the Future Chair, who will automatically succeed to the Chair a year later.

Upon conclusion of their term Chairs and Vice-Chairs will automatically become Past Chair and Past Vice-Chair, with the expectation that they will continue to support their successors.

## **Secretariat**

Secretariat for the RISC council and any subgroups will be provided by the trade associations.

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