**OBJECTIVES & TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STC**

**(Version 2.3 as approved at June 2020 STC Meeting – with copy edits 220214)**

The Satellite Telecommunications Committee (STC) is a joint committee of techUK (the UK trade association for UK tech companies) and UKspace (the UK trade association for the space industry) focussed on satellite telecommunications matters. techUK provides the secretariat for this Committee.

Objectives & Terms of Reference:

1. To represent the interests of UK stakeholders in the area of current and planned electronic communications networks and services using satellite / space systems (including in respect of spectrum required for such satellite / space systems and services):

* to the UK Government, Ofcom, the UK Space Agency, UK Parliament and other UK national government and industry bodies[[1]](#footnote-1);
* to relevant governmental and industry bodies outside the UK as appropriate;
* in growing and developing their business in the UK and also outside the UK.

1. To take actions to enable the realisation of the broader objectives of UKspace and techUK via the use of satellite / space systems or cooperative satellite / terrestrial systems for delivering electronic communication services to government bodies, commercial enterprises and consumers in the UK and as in export markets outside the UK, including via the establishment of supportive UK government policies
2. To provide a forum for UK industry stakeholders to exchange information, network, foster collaboration and cooperation on technical, regulatory (including spectrum) and commercial aspects of satellite / space communications;
3. To provide a forum where governmental, quasi-governmental or industry organisations both within the UK and outside the UK can interact with UK industry stakeholders on relevant topics of interest to STC members within the scope of the above objectives.

Membership:

Membership of the STC is open members to of UKspace and techUK. Organisations / companies interested in joining the STC are requested to provide to Chair and to the Secretariat a brief note (by email) overviewing their organisation and describing their organisation’s activities and interests in satellite telecommunications matters.

Modus Operandi:

The STC will:

1. Meet typically 3 to 4 times in any calendar year at techUK or other alternative suitable premises with suitable prior notice given to members;
2. Aim to develop common positions, which may include responses to consultations, of the STC for articulation to third parties based on consensus by active and participating members of the STC;
3. Aim to fairly represent different viewpoints expressed by STC members in any STC position intended for third parties, in the event a consensus position cannot be achieved within the STC due to differing and irreconcilable views of members of the STC or of UKspace or of techUK.
4. To interact and coordinate as necessary with other relevant committees of UKspace and techUK on matters which relate to or affect electronic communications networks and services using satellite / space systems.

Chair / Vice Chair of STC

The STC will have a Chair and two Vice Chairs. The Chair is expected to serve for a period of up to 2 years. At the end of the term of the Chair, there will be an election of a new Chair with the candidates being the existing two Vice Chair. A Vice Chair is expected to serve for a period of up to 2 years. The Vice Chair who is not elected to be Chair may serve as a Vice Chair for another two years. There will also be an election for any vacant post of a Vice Chair (e.g. when one of the Vice Chairs is elected to Chair). The elections for the posts of Chair and Vice Chairs will be managed by techUK Secretariat and STC member companies are eligible to vote (one vote per company). Elections will be conducted by a simple majority system. Persons from STC member companies who wish to stand for Chair or Vice Chair at such elections as appropriate may either nominate themselves or be nominated by one or more STC member companies.

1. See also Modus Operandi iv), noting also that UKspace groups such as the Political Affairs Group (PAG) and Regulatory Affairs Group (RAG) engage with UK Government bodies on relevant space related matters. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)