

Supply Chain Group Terms of Reference

The Automotive Council was set up to provide an advisory and consultative forum for Government and the Automotive Industry in the UK. The Automotive Council will have two sub-councils/working groups – the Supply Chain Group and the Technology Group. The work of these Groups will help inform the discussions of the main Council.

The Supply Chain Group aims to:

- Build consensus on the challenges in the UK Supply Chain
- Enhance the dialogue between OEMs, Tier 1s and the supply chain on present and future business priorities
- Review the Technology Roadmap and develop a high level UK supply chain technology vision
- Engage with those responsible for existing training and support budgets to seek to reflect these priorities
- In addition the Supply Chain Group will address any matters agreed by the Automotive Council and the Technology Group.

Mode of Operation

The Supply Chain Group will be chaired by Bill Parfitt with Nigel Stein as deputy chair. Meetings will be held 3-4 times a year. This can be varied by the Chairman as pressure of work requires.

It is likely that as the Supply Chain Group's work programme evolves, detailed work may be devolved to ad hoc sub-groups. The Chairmen of the Automotive Council will agree the work programme and the Terms of Reference.

The Supply Chain Group will agree forward agenda with the Automotive Council and ensure work progresses. The Supply Chain Group will include representatives of Whitehall Departments as required.

Secretariat functions will be performed by the Automotive Unit in BIS

Membership

Members will be industry and government representatives and others with expertise in appropriate fields, invited to join on a voluntary basis by BIS. They will not be paid for their participation in Supply Chain Group activities.

These will not be public or Ministerial appointments that fall within the scope of the Code of Public appointees. No payment of fees will be required for the services or advice provided. Members will bring with them authority, resource and commitment to the work of the Supply Chain Group.

Other Government Departments and partners involved in the delivery of recommendations will be represented on the Council at official level as required.

Scope and timescales

As was the case under the NAIGT, the Supply Chain Group's remit will cover the interests of and promote publicly the UK Automotive Manufacturing sector – R&D, design engineering, volume vehicle, power train and component assembly, niche vehicle manufacture (including construction equipment) and the supply chain.

The interests and membership of the Supply Chain Group will be wide ranging but the Group should not seek to duplicate the work or focus of existing bodies in BIS or other departments. The Supply Chain Group's focus should be strategic.