

## **Technology 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 automotive Technology Group aims to:

- Identify opportunities to provide a more compelling investment proposition for automotive R&D in the UK versus other countries;
- Agree on the technology roadmaps for low carbon vehicles and fuels, and exploit opportunities to promote the UK as a strong candidate to develop these technologies;
- Develop a stronger supply base through joint research on focused areas driven by a common agenda and by facilitating collaboration opportunities
- In addition the Technology Group will address any matters agreed by the Automotive Council and Supply Chain Group.

### **Mode of Operation**

The Technology Group will be Chaired by Jerry Hardcastle. 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 Technology 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 Technology Group will agree forward agendas with the Automotive Council and ensure work progresses. The Technology Group will include representatives of the Department for Transport, the Technology Strategy Board and other Whitehall colleagues 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 Technology 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 Technology 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 Technology 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 Technology 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 Technology Group's focus should be strategic.