IET and The Collaborative Alliance to Develop New Cybersecurity Council and Professional Recognition Within the UK's National Cybersecurity Strategy

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London, 15 August 2019: The Collaborative Alliance for Cybersecurity today confirmed its participation in the design and delivery of the new UK Cyber Security Council on behalf of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS). The Alliance, with the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) nominated as lead organisation, was selected following a competitive grant competition by DCMS.

The Alliance is a consortium of cyber security organisations that represent a substantial part of the cyber security community in the UK. Its members include:

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BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT (https://www.bcs.org/)
Chartered Institute of Information Security (CIISEC) (https://www.iisp.org/)
CIPD (https://www.cipd.co.uk/)
CompTIA (https://www.comptia.org/)
Council of Professors and Heads of Computing (CPHC) (https://cphc.ac.uk/)
CREST (https://www.crest-approved.org/)
Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences (CSFS) (https://www.csofs.org/)
Engineering Council (https://www.engc.org.uk/)
Information Assurance Advisory Council (IAAC) (http://www.iaac.org.uk/)
The Institution of Analysts and Programmers (IAP) (https://www.iap.org.uk/)
The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) (https://www.theiet.org/)
Institute of Measurement and Control (InstMC) (https://www.instmc.org/)
ISACA (https://www.isaca.org/)
Royal Academy of Engineering (https://www.raeng.org.uk/)
Security Institute (https://security-institute.org/)
techUK (https://www.techuk.org/)
The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists (WCIT) (https://www.wcit.org.uk/)

The Council will work in partnership with the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), be developed with broad representation and be tasked to support the Government's National Cyber Security Skills Strategy by providing recognition across the practicing community, while enhancing standards and thought leadership for the future. The aim is to have first programmes operational in 2021, with the development phase of the work serving to align relevant investments that are currently being made by Alliance members, a consortium of 16 cyber security organisations that represent a substantial part of the cyber security community in the UK.

"We welcome the announcement from DCMS to recognise IET as the lead organisation to build the UK Cyber Security Council. The Alliance is committed to delivering the Council for the betterment of the wider industry. This announcement represents a concrete step in advancing the UK's current leadership position for technology innovation and resilience on the global stage. We are already building on strong foundations that come from the extensive experience available from the stakeholder communities we

represent and will continue to catalyse initiative across not just the practicing community, but also business and society as a whole," said Ian Glover, president of Alliance member CREST.

About The Collaborative Alliance for Cybersecurity
The Collaborative Alliance for Cybersecurity brings stakeholders together in the interest of advancing a healthy cybersecurity workforce for the UK, from the development of professional recognition to the collaboration around acknowledged priorities to move this workforce forward. The Alliance was formally established in July 2018 by independent, non-profit organisations, several of whom operate under a Royal Charter granted through the Privy Council, and some of whom are able to grant chartered status within their discipline. The Alliance harnesses a broad perspective on professional priorities drawn from its members involvement in academia, advocacy, certification, and professional development.

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