

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

3.10 The committee recommends that Defence review its procurement and purchasing policies and procedures to ensure they are providing appropriate and up to date guidance to Defence staff that will assist them implement the Defence White Paper, associated industry policy documents and the Local Industry Capability Plan Pilot.

Recommendation 2

3.16 The committee recommends that Defence conduct a detailed evaluation of the Local Industry Capability Plan Pilot which should be made publicly available.

Recommendation 3

3.31 The committee recommends that Defence provide an update to the committee about its progress to develop the assessment model by 31 August 2018.

Recommendation 4

3.38 The committee recommends that Defence develop general guidance for base commandants to achieve an appropriate level of engagement with the local community which includes ensuring contact points are available to stakeholders in the local community.

Recommendation 5

3.48 The committee recommends that the Centre for Defence Industry Capability ensure its processes and communication mechanisms specifically consider how best to provide information to SMEs in rural and regional areas.

Recommendation 6

3.49 The committee recommends that the Centre for Defence Industry Capability publicly report on its engagement with SMEs, particularly engagement with SMEs in rural and regional areas.

Recommendation 7

3.56 The committee recommends that Defence collate the information provided in Local Industry Capability Plans relating to local engagement and local economic benefits to produce a regular public update about Defence activities in the regions.

Recommendation 8

3.60 The committee recommends that Defence review the reporting requirements of Tier 1 contractors to ensure relevant regional/local information is provided and Defence consider how best to make this publicly available.

Recommendation 9

3.64 The committee recommends that building on recommendations 7 and 8, Defence work towards providing detailed information about the number and types of good and services, the use of local suppliers and the proportion of total project spend flowing into the local economy.