Implementing National Security Through Technology

How to deliver capability in an uncertain world

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The Ministry of Defence is going through through an organisational change of monumental proportion. This change will revolutionise the way that defence does business.

The next stage of work, to be undertaken in late 2014, will be to trial the framework on a number of more mature projects. The assessment has led to the framework being adopted across significant areas of the Command Portfolios.

In late 2013 a series of pilot assessments were undertaken with personnel from the Front Line Commands, DE&S and MOD to undertake the portfolio of projects of interest to the programme board for the Future Command to give a consistent approach in complying with the White Paper principles.

The Operational Advantage (Op Adv) and Freedom of Action (FOA) framework

The Operational Advantage is the ability to exploit systemic capabilities and technologies to gain competitive advantage over an adversary. The Freedom of Action is the ability to sustain and maintain certain external affairs and act in the national interest.

The Operational Advantage and Freedom of Action frameworks are used to support multi-disciplinary projects, including Defence Infrastructure Organisations (DIO) and the Defence and Security Infrastructure Programmes (DSIP) to identify capability gaps and the need for innovation. The Framework has been used in the department to support innovation across a range of projects, including the New Off-the-Shelf (OTM) procurement, the DIO's change programme and to support the design of the Intelligence Customer (IntOp) - Deliver a decision in the future Defence Operating Model.