

Defence Technical Training Change Programme (DTTCP) Presentation to Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board 25 Jan 12 Summary

Defence Technical Training Now

- Tri-Service, all ranks
- Trainee technician to postgraduate Chartered Engineer +
- 3 disciplines:
 - Aeronautical Engineering
 - Electro-Mechanical Engineering
 - Communications & Information Systems
- Type of training
 - Phase 2 (initial specialist training) & Phase 3 (career, refresher and equipment-specific courses)
 - Technical, Contextual & Military
 - Residential (and Distributed)

Context

- Defence Training Review, Strategic Defence & Security Review (2010)
- Current training delivery
 - Formal specification, design, delivery and appropriate accreditation.
 - Volume, content & quality of training to meet Army / Royal Navy / Royal Air Force declared need
 - Knowledge, Skills, Attitudes & Behaviours
 - Wide variety of training delivery (in-house, out-sourced, partnerships)
- Continuous need for training
 - Ever-changing military need (new threats, tactics, technologies, equipment)
 - Continuously developing workforce (career development, turnover)
- 21st Century drivers
 - Learning methodologies & technologies.
 - External and internal expectations.

DTTCP Vision

‘The provision of a cost-effective, affordable system for the timely provision of the correct numbers of suitably-skilled, flexible military personnel trained in aeronautical engineering, electro-mechanical engineering and communications and information systems, in order to contribute to the delivery and maintenance of operational capability within Defence.’

- Keeping pace with ever-changing technology & operational needs
- Exploiting new learning methods and technologies
- Making the most efficient use of our people
 - Student & staff time
 - Access to learning at own base / when operational
 - Meeting ever-increasing expectations
- Efficiency of estate, training infrastructure and support

.....whilst ensuring continuous output of trained personnel for the Front Line.

DTTCP Objectives & Benefits

Strategic Objectives

- Maximize training efficiency
- Improve training environment and experience
- Deliver Technical Training within allocated resources (£ and people)

End Benefits

- Increased ability to deliver to the Front Line Commands' requirement
- Lower operating costs & lower capital investment
- Higher training retention rate

Type of training

- Phase 2 (initial specialist training) & Phase 3 (career, refresher and equipment-specific courses)
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•Scale (**today**)

- c.25,000 students per year ('turnover')
- c.5,200 students at any one time (the 'Standing Student Population')
- Approx 46% Army, 31% Royal Air Force, 23% Royal Navy
- c.3,700 military & Civil Service staff across 9 sites

Secretary of State for Defence's Statements 18 Jul 11

SofS Oral Statement on 'Defence Transformation' [Official Record 18 Jul 11: Col 643](#)

The Defence Technical Training programme will move to Lyneham, guaranteeing its future. More details of these and other estate-related decisions are in the written statement I have laid today. The planning work, including the investment required to adapt sites, will now get under way, based on this strategic direction. It will involve consultations with local communities as appropriate and other statutory obligations that we will need to fulfil.....

Written Ministerial Statement [Official Record 18 Jul 11: Col 66WS](#)

.....RAF Lyneham is the preferred location for future defence technical training. This confirms that the Department will withdraw from Arborfield in Berkshire and Bordon in Hampshire, releasing the sites for sale by 2014-15 at the latest.

Context (reminder...)

- Defence Training Review, Strategic Defence & Security Review (2010)
- Current training delivery
- Continuous need for training
- 21st Century drivers
- Programme assumptions & constraints:
 - Phased build & moves of training to Lyneham.
 - Each phase subject to normal Departmental / Government investment approvals and scrutiny

Where is the programme now?

Timetable

- Must have moved from Bordon and Arborfield by 2015
- Aspiration for DTT fully established at Lyneham by 2020

Approach

- Phased building and moves of training to Lyneham
- Each Tranche (phase) requires Ministry of Defence (and Treasury) approval
- Reduction in the current numbers

Early stages of planning

- How we will / might deliver the training at Lyneham is yet to be decided
- Implications for infrastructure, potential employment and exact scale are yet to be determined but there are the following assumptions.
 - Need the whole site and the Service families Accommodation
 - No training need for a fully operational airfield

- Technical training plus the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) Regimental Headquarters on site
- Possibly 1,950 students and staff (excluding contractors) at Lyneham by 2015
- Possibly 4,300 students and staff (excluding contractors) when fully established
- Not final nomenclature decided. Not (yet) styled Defence Technical College

Progress to Concept Master Plan

- Detailed examination of the site to identify the best use of the existing assets
- Scoping of ecological and land quality surveys to identify where further work would be required
- Consideration of a wide range of environmental / sustainability issues such as access, utilities, historic environment, landscape, community amenities
- Concept Master Plan prepared to scope consultations, further detailed surveys of the site and assessments
- Site to be developed in tranches, but important that Concept Master Plan caters for the whole programme's needs
- Results of this work will then be used to inform the development of a consultation master plan.

Lyneham Site Planning Phases

- Detailed engagement with Wiltshire Planning Department
- Detailed engagement with National Bodies to identify further work / surveys needed
- Early public consultation (consistent with the approach taken by Wiltshire Council to Community Involvement) - Contacts to be provided
- Formal consultation in lead-up to Planning Applications

Current Intentions:

- First Planning Applications to establish the principle of the use of the site for Defence Technical Training
- Ministry Of Defence competition for detailed design / construction
- Further public consultations as part of preparations of detailed Planning Applications
- Training established by end 2015
- On-going community consultation over site issues throughout this process and after training is established