

# Wales to play part in delivering new British Army vehicle

Press release

A Cardiff-based business has been awarded a £20m contract to provide components for a new armoured fighting vehicle.



A company in South Wales will play an integral part in delivering the British Army's next-generation armoured fighting vehicle, the UK Government has announced.

MilDef, which is based in Cardiff, will provide electronics such as Crewstation PCs, servers and ethernet switches for the Boxer armoured fighting vehicles under a £20m subcontract awarded to them by RBSL and Rheinmetall.

The contract is expected to sustain and create around a dozen Welsh jobs and will secure further development of MilDef's manufacturing facilities in the city over the next 10 years.

**Secretary of State for Wales Simon Hart said:**

Thousands of jobs in Wales are supported by UK defence expenditure and this latest £20m investment shows our continued commitment to invest in Welsh suppliers – cementing Wales' place as a defence industry hub.

I welcome this investment which comes at a time when the UK's armed forces are providing crucial support to the NHS, Ambulance Service and Covid-19 testing effort across Wales.

**Director Land Equipment for Defence Equipment and Support, Major General Darren Crook, said:**

The British Boxer programme has continued at pace this year despite the significant challenges that 2020 has set us. I am delighted

that we are now beginning to see real term benefits to the UK from the investment in the programme and proud that we will be delivering a state-of-the art future capability to our British Armed Forces.

**Duncan Skinner, Chief Sales Officer at MilDef Group, said:**

We are delighted to supply high-performance products together with RBSL into one of the UK MoD's strategic vehicle programmes. MilDef Ltd continues its expansion in the UK defence industry and this contract is an example of the exciting times ahead for the company.

The UK decided to re-join the Boxer programme in 2018 and since then has committed £2.8bn to deliver over 500 vehicles to the British Army. They will be made up of four variants: an Infantry Carrier; a Specialist Carrier; a Command Vehicle; and an Ambulance.

Much of the fleet is planned to be built in Telford and Stockport by main contractors RBSL and WFEL, supported by a nationwide supply chain that will secure around 1000 jobs nationwide and create an ambitious UK apprenticeship scheme. The aim is to have the first vehicles in service in 2023.

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## **New appointment to the Boundary Commission for Scotland**

News story

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack announces appointment to the Boundary Commission for Scotland



The Scottish Secretary, Alister Jack, today announced the appointment of Dr Susan Walker OBE as a member of the Boundary Commission for Scotland. The appointment will commence in January 2021 for a period of four years.

Dr Walker, who has been a member of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland since 2013, will replace Paula Sharp, who has served her maximum term.

Since 2015, Dr Walker has been a board member of Food Standards Scotland, and a member of the Water Industry Customer Forum since 2011.

Dr Walker studied Geography at the University of Durham, then a PhD in Water Resources Management at the University of Manchester.

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said:

It's great news Dr Susan Walker OBE has accepted the post as a member of the Boundary Commission for Scotland.

Dr Walker brings vast experience and invaluable specialist knowledge, particularly from her background as a member of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, which is responsible for reviewing constituencies and regions for the Scottish Parliament. She will be an important part of the team and no doubt will make a positive impact and add significant strength to the work of the Commission.

I thank Paula Sharp who will leave her post at the end of the year after serving for ten years.

The Boundary Commission for Scotland is an advisory non-departmental public body wholly funded by the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland. It is independent and non-political, constituted by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, and in Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998.

The Commission is responsible for reviews of constituencies in Scotland for the Westminster Parliament. It is required by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 (as amended) to review UK Parliament constituencies every five years. The reviews ensure that each constituency has roughly the same number of electors. The next review will be in 2023.

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# The Social Security, Child Benefit and Child Tax Credit (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

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## Clinical Research Organisation identified to lead bovine TB cattle vaccination field trials

Press release

Eville & Jones has been awarded the contract to lead the field trials



Following an open competition, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) has awarded a contract to Eville & Jones, to run veterinary field trials of CattleBCG vaccine and the companion DIVA (Detecting Infected amongst Vaccinated Animals) skin test.

Eville & Jones have brought together an experienced team to deliver the project.

APHA will now start to work with Eville & Jones and the project team to confirm timelines and identify suitable herds for the field trials scheduled to start next year.

The field trials will be conducted on behalf of Defra, the Welsh Government and the Scottish Government, following more than 20 years of ground-breaking research into bovine TB vaccines and diagnostic tests.

Further information about the next stages of the field trials will be communicated in due course.

Read about the bovine TB cattle vaccination programme in the [APHA Science Blog](#) and on the [TB Hub](#).

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## 2021 Appointments to IRP

News story

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care is looking to appoint six members to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel.



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