

# Strategic Defence Review 2025

### The world has changed.

The threats we now face are more serious and less predictable than at any time since the end of the Cold War.

This Review sets out a vision to make Britain safer, secure at home and strong abroad.

# Contributions to the Review

8000 responses

**1700** contributions from individuals, political parties, and other organisations

200 industry contributions

150 experts in their fields

# A landmark shift in our deterrence and defence:



# Move to warfighting readiness

With a more lethal 'integrated force' equipped for the future and strengthened homeland defence.



# **Engine for growth**

Driving jobs and prosperity through a new partnership with industry, radical procurement reforms, and backing UK businesses.



### 'NATO first'

Stepping up on European security by leading in NATO, with strengthened nuclear, new tech, and updated conventional capabilities.



# UK innovation driven by lessons from Ukraine

Harnessing drones, data, and digital warfare to make our Armed Forces stronger and safer.



# Whole-of-society approach

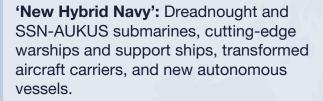
Wider participation in national resilience and renewing the Nation's contract with those who serve.



# **Key Announcements**

The SDR is the Plan for Change for Defence. It sets out a new vision for UK Defence:

## Move to warfighting readiness



10x more lethal British Army: armoured capability, Al, software, long-range weapons, and land drone swarms—and aim to increase full-time troops to at least 76,000 into the next Parliament.

Next-generation RAF: F-35s, upgraded Typhoons, next-generation fast jets through GCAP, and autonomous fighters.

Sovereign warhead programme: £15bn this Parliament, supporting 9,000+ jobs.

Homeland air and missile defence: up to £1bn new funding.

New CyberEM Command: defending Britain from daily attacks in the grey zone.

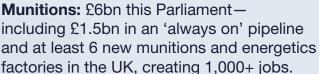
# UK innovation driven by lessons from Ukraine

World-leading innovation in autonomy: doubling investment in autonomous systems this Parliament to boost UK export potential.

**New Digital Targeting Web in 2027:** up to £1bn for the digital integration of our Armed Forces.

New 'Drone Centre': accelerating the use of autonomous systems across our Armed Forces.

# **Engine for growth**



Continuous submarine production: up to 12 conventionally armed. nuclear-powered attack submarines through the AUKUS programme.

**UK Defence Innovation:** £400m to invest in UK-based companies.

New Defence Exports Office: driving exports to our allies and growth at home.

### 'NATO first'

# First European hybrid airwings:

transforming our aircraft carriers, combining fast jets, long-range weapons, and drones.

First European laser directed energy weapon in service: through nearly £1bn of new funding.

**Greater European deterrence:** up to 7,000 new long-range weapons and supporting around 800 jobs in the UK.

# Whole-of-society approach

Renewal of military accommodation: at least £7bn this Parliament, with £1.5bn+ new investment to fix forces family housing.

More opportunities for young people: delivering a 30% increase in cadets by 2030 and introducing a voluntary 'Gap Year' scheme.

### Whole-of-society approach:

a new UK Strategic Reserve by 2030 and the Navy taking a leading role in protecting undersea infrastructure.

New Defence Readiness Bill: legislating to improve national preparedness.







