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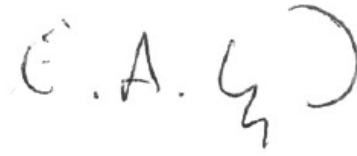
Dear Dame Chi,

I am writing to share with you and your committee the recommendations to government of the University of Bristol and Imperial College London for a Cyber Growth Action Plan, which is being laid before Parliament today. The cyber security sector is identified in our Industrial Strategy as one of the frontier industries in the Digital and Technology Sector. The government already has a range of programmes to support growth of this industry and works with sector leaders to support growth and to protect the economy against cyber threats. The independent authors set out nine recommendations to further support the UK's cyber sector, structured around Culture, Leadership, and Place.

The independent Plan recommends supporting the growth journeys of cyber innovators by connecting them to large customers, changing the way businesses think about cyber risk and setting expectations for how business resilience should be managed and reported. We are already exploring how we can leverage our existing cyber programmes to connect innovators with public and private sector buyers. The Leadership pillar explores how we can create a community of cyber leaders focused on sector growth. They recommend that government and industry concentrates on places where there is research and development and commercial strength to drive growth. Our work with the Digital Catapult to drive adoption of frontier technology across the economy is shaping that leadership. The Places pillar focuses on the role places play in innovation and growth – attracting investors, shaping research and development and building the relationships needed for cyber businesses to start and grow. We are already actively building these relationships and success is visible in Cheltenham with the £1 billion of investment into the Golden Valley development, in Lancashire where the National Cyber Force has now established its headquarters, and in Belfast where there is a thriving blend of private and public investment in cyber technologies.

Following the publication of the independent Cyber Growth Action Plan we intend to respond to recommendations in the upcoming refresh of the National Cyber Strategy. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the Plan in due course to support the growth of the UK cyber sector.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E.A. Lloyd'. The signature is stylized, with the first name 'E.A.' followed by a period and then 'Lloyd'. The 'L' is large and loops around, and the 'y' has a long, sweeping tail.

Liz Lloyd CBE

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