Specialism Working Group (SWG) and Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) Comparison Table

Category	Specialism Working Group (SWG)	Technical Advisory Panel (TAP)
Purpose	Draft, revise, and refine specialism-specific guidance to support professional registration.	Provide expert endorsement of standards, assessment processes, and audits to ensure quality in professional registration.
Nature of Work	Hands-on development of documentation and guidance.	Review, advise on, and endorse contextualisations, processes, and audit results.
Responsibilities	- Create and revise guidance documents - Draft new content aligned with UK SPCC - Incorporate feedback through iteration - Collaborate in remote working sessions- Represent sector/organisation	- Endorse contextualised standards and assessment processes - Review and ratify assessor qualifications - Advise on licensing applications - Conduct moderation and audits - Maintain oversight of ongoing quality
Expertise Required	Subject matter expertise in a specific cyber security specialism. Familiarity with professional registration frameworks.	Authoritative expertise in a specialism. Knowledge of assessment standards and strategic-level decision making.
Time Commitment	Up to 5 hours per month during fixed project term (6 months).	Variable commitment depending on TAP activity; typically, steady involvement across the year.
Duration	Fixed-term (e.g. Sept–March for each work cycle).	Ongoing (panel membership is not time-limited unless otherwise stated).
Format	Remote collaboration (Teams, SharePoint, email); fortnightly or ad-hoc meetings.	Formal scheduled remote meetings; quorum and voting procedures apply; Council secretariat support provided.
Deliverables	- Revised guidance documents per specialism - Summary report of recommendations and key changes	- Endorsed contextualisations and assessment criteria - Quality assurance recommendations - Input into licensing decisions
Reporting Line	Reports to the relevant TAP.	Reports to the UK Cyber Security Council Programme Board.