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Executive Summary

This report sets out a security architecture for Turing Intelligent Energy (TIE), describing how a cloud-based energy optimisation platform can operate securely and reliably in practice. Turing is delivering a service that brings together homeowners, installers, support teams, and external providers within a single operating environment. Protecting sensitive customer and operational data while maintaining continuous availability is a core requirement of this design.

Several architectural challenges shape the design, as the platform marginally relies upon third-party services. Risks around confidentiality and availability are produced as a result. Without clearly defined controls, these characteristics increase exposure to misuse, disruption, or data loss. Addressing these concerns requires deliberate boundary definition, strong identity management, and mechanisms that limit the impact of failures or compromise.

Architecture decisions presented in this report respond directly to these challenges. Structured threat modelling informs security controls, whilst functional and non-functional requirements shape both design and deployment choices. Security, resilience, and accountability are embedded from the beginning, demonstrating that a robust operating model can be achieved without sacrificing usability or practicality.

Architecture Overview

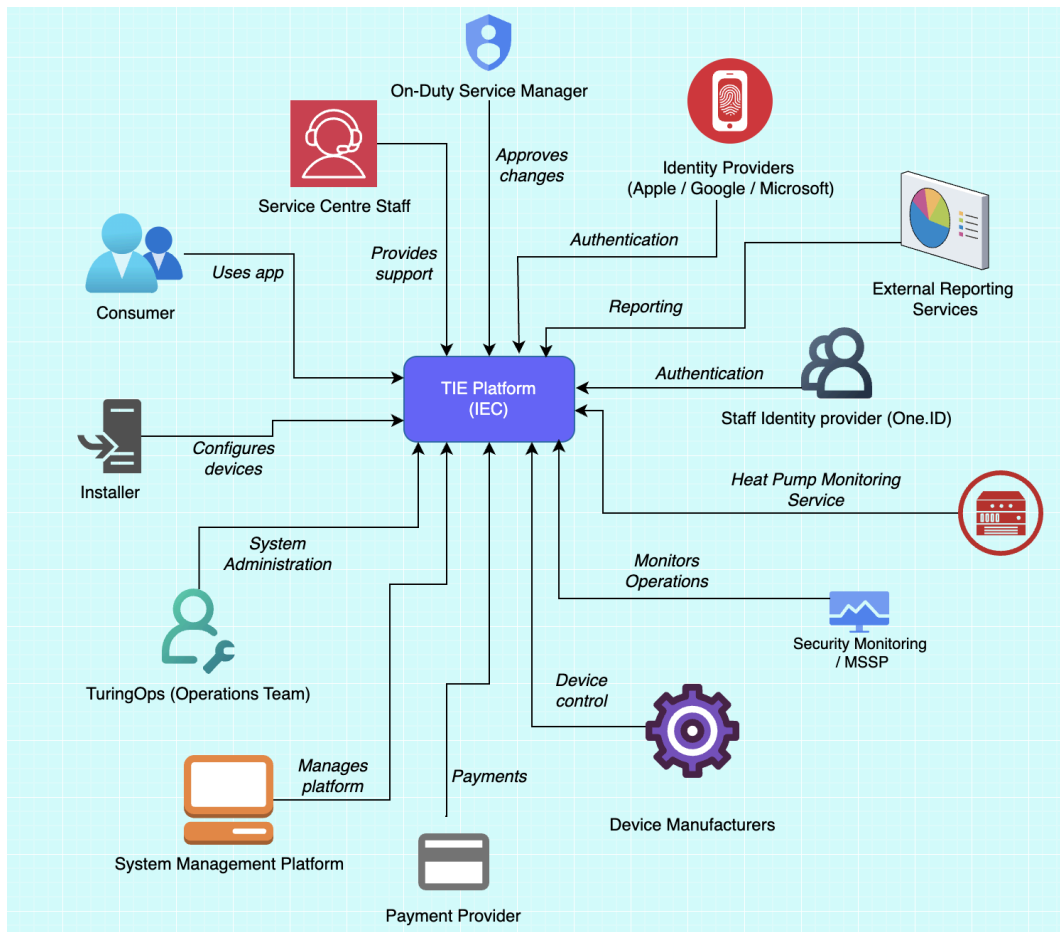


Figure 2: Architecture Overview Diagram

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Requirements

Requirements lay out the premise of expectations for the TIE system. It encapsulates factors such as the security expectations, boundaries for the system and other aspects of the scope that must be met. Context, data, and process views are brought together to provide an understanding of how the system works, along with what is protected.

System Context Diagram

A system context diagram provides an outline of a system's boundary and the external actors it interacts with. Through a focus on relationships and trust boundaries as opposed to internal details, a system context diagram aids stakeholders in understanding how the system fits within its wider operational and security environment.

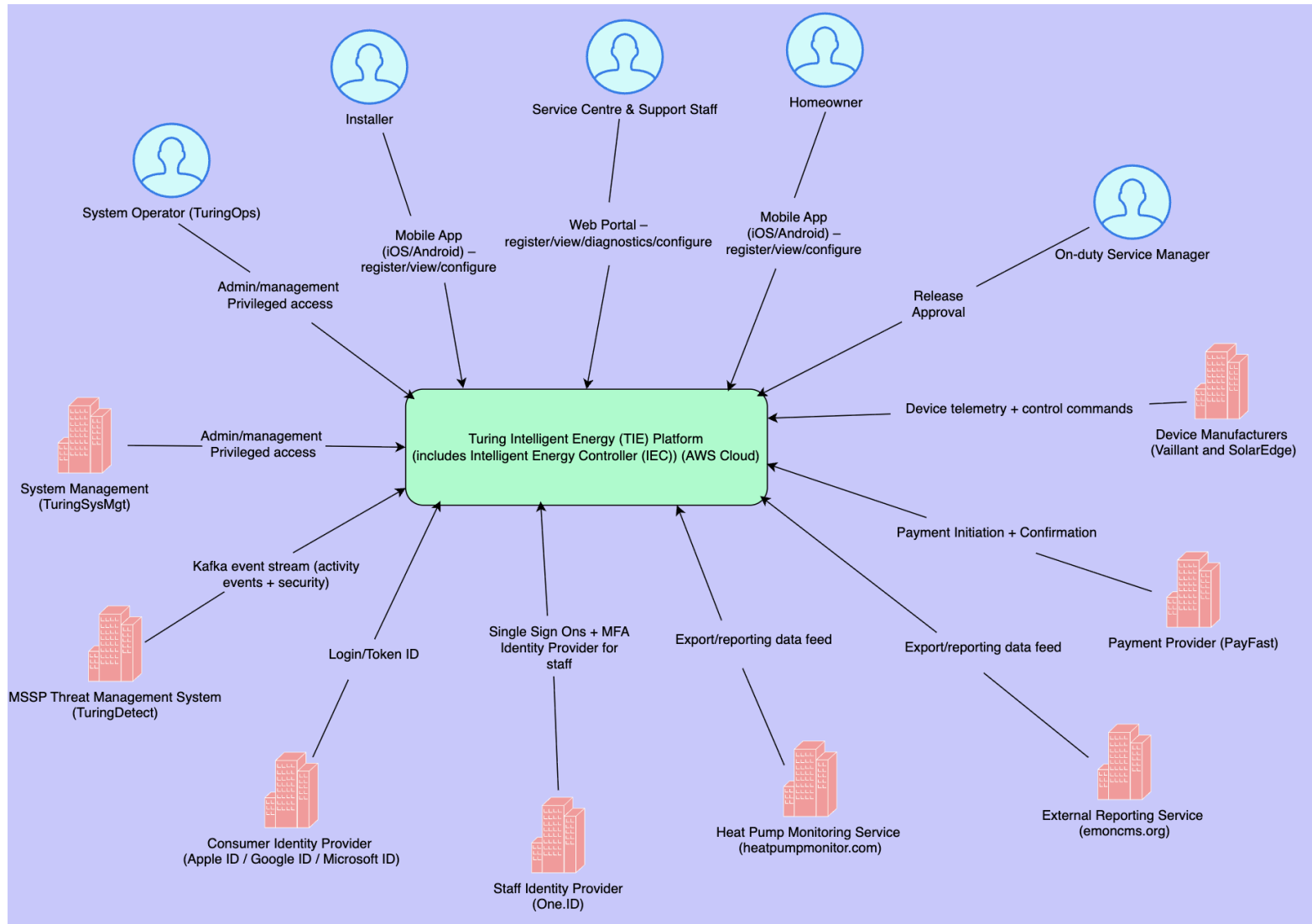


Figure 2: System Context Diagram

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To develop the diagram, a clear boundary around the platform as the core trust domain was first constructed. Following the definition, all users and third-party services were divided into user and system actors. Using this method, a zero-trust policy can be applied, allowing access to be managed by identity and controlled interfaces. As the energy data store operates internally, the decision was made for it to be excluded from the diagram (Buckwell, Van Daele and Horst, 2024).

Actor/Use case/Interference

| Actors | Description | Interface |
|--|--|--|
| Homeowner | Registers energy devices, views energy usage, and configures system preferences for their home | Mobile Application (iOS / Android) |
| Installer | Installs and configures energy devices for homeowners | Mobile Application (iOS / Android) |
| Service Centre & Support Staff | Provides operational support to homeowners, including device registration, diagnostics, and configuration changes required to resolve issues | Web Portal |
| On-duty Service Manager | Provides governance oversight by approving releases and changes | Web Portal |
| System Operator (TuringOps) | Operates and maintains the TIE platform, performing administrative and operational tasks using privileged access | Operations Management Interface / TuringSysMgt |
| Device Manufacturers (Vaillant, SolarEdge) | Systems that exchange device telemetry data and receive control commands from the TIE platform | API Integration |
| Payment Provider (PayFast) | External payment service responsible for processing | Payment API |

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| | homeowner payments and returning payment confirmations. | |
| External Reporting Services (emoncms.org, heatpumpmonitor.org) | Receives exported energy and performance data for reporting and benchmarking purposes | Data Export |
| User Identity Providers (Apple ID, Google ID, Microsoft ID) | Authenticates homeowners and installers and provides identity tokens used by the TIE platform | Identity provider |
| Staff Identity Provider (One.ID) | Provides authentication and single sign-on services for internal staff accessing the platform | Single sign-on and identity provider |
| System Management Platform (TuringSysMgt) | Management system used by TuringOps to administer and manage the TIE platform from a separate cloud environment | Management Interface |
| MSSP Threat Management System (TuringDetect) | An external security monitoring service which receives security events, supporting both threat detection and incident response | Security Event Stream |

Table 1: System Context Table

The system context diagram identifies actors, trust boundaries, and data flows that feed directly into the functional and non-functional requirements, shaping how security controls are applied across the platform.

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Data Classification (Confidentiality only)

Data classification will act as a guideline for processed information by the TIE platform. Data has been grouped according to its sensitivity, providing a comprehensive way to understand the confidentiality of different data types and the potential impact if that information were to be accessed or disclosed without authorisation (Buckwell, Van Daele and Horst, 2024).

| Data Classification | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Public | Information intended for unrestricted access where disclosure does not pose a confidentiality risk. This includes non-sensitive service descriptions and publicly available documentation. |
| Personal Information (PI) | Data that can be linked to individual homeowners or installers, including identity details and household-level energy usage. Loss of confidentiality could infringe privacy rights and erode customer trust. |
| Sensitive Personal Information (SPI) | Authentication and identity-related material, such as credentials, tokens, and unique identifiers, is issued by identity providers. Compromisation of this data would directly undermine access controls and system confidentiality. |
| Financial Information | Payment-related records are exchanged with external payment services, including transaction references and billing confirmations. Unauthorised disclosure could expose customers to financial risk or fraudulent activity. |
| Confidential Operational Data | Information required to operate and support the platform, such as configuration data, diagnostics, and control commands. Exposure could reveal internal system behaviour or assist targeted attacks. |
| Security Sensitive Data | Data that can expose operational functions, inclusive of audit records, monitoring data and security logs. Loss of confidentiality could increase the attack surface. |

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Information Asset Inventory

The information asset register builds on the data classification table by identifying the key information assets processed by the platform and assigning each to an appropriate confidentiality category. This provides a perspective of the types of data handled by the system and the potential impact of their disclosure, supporting informed security design and architectural decision-making.

| Data Type | Data Fields/Asset | Data Classification | Legal and Regulatory |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Energy Optimisation Outputs | IEC optimisation decisions | Confidential Operational Data | |
| Staff Identity Data | Staff identities, roles, and SSO attributes (One.ID) | Sensitive Personal Information | PI, GDPR |
| Device Telemetry | Solar and heat pump | Confidential Operational Data | |
| User Profile Data | Names and contact details of homeowners and installers | Personal Information | PI, GDPR |
| Energy Usage Data | Household energy metrics | Personal Information | PI, GDPR |
| User Identity Data | User IDs and external identity providers | Sensitive Personal Information | PI, GDPR |
| Audit & Activity Logs | User actions, admin changes, system events | Security Sensitive Data | GDPR |
| Authentication Data | Session tokens and OAuth tokens | Sensitive Personal Information | PI, GDPR |
| Device Control Commands | Commands sent to household energy devices | Confidential Operational Data | |
| Payment Transaction References | Payment confirmations and | Confidential (PCI-related) | |

| | | | |
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| | transaction identifiers | | |
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Table 2: Information Asset Inventory

These classified assets form the basis for threat identification in the threat–risk register, thereby aiding assurance that risks are assessed against data that would have a material impact if compromised.

Functional requirements

Functional requirements are integral to the definition of security-relevant aspects, aiding the description of the system's necessary capabilities in order to protect various assets during systematic operations. Each requirement has been aligned with the CSA Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM) to ensure the security design follows industry-standard cloud security best practices (Cloud Security Alliance, 2021).

| ID | Requirement | CSA CCM Controls |
|-------|--|------------------|
| FR-01 | Role-based access control restricts user actions based on assigned roles | IAM-04, IAM-06 |
| FR-02 | Energy usage data is securely stored in the Energy Data Store | DSP-01, DSP-02 |
| FR-03 | Security event streams are forwarded to the managed security service provider | SEF-02 |
| FR-04 | API requests are sanitised and validated before processing | API-02 |
| FR-05 | Users authenticate using external consumer identity providers | IAM-02 |
| FR-06 | Secure payment initiation and confirmation are supported between the platform and the PayFast provider | DSP-04 |

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| FR-07 | Authentication and access events are recorded for audit purposes | LOG-02, LOG-04 |
| FR-08 | Service centre staff authenticate via One.ID with mandatory multi-factor authentication | IAM-03 |
| FR-09 | Application and security events are streamed to Kafka for threat detection and monitoring | LOG-03, SEF-01 |

Table 3: Functional Requirements

Non-functional requirements or Architectural Characteristics

The purpose of non-functional requirements is to outline the quality characteristics and operating constraints. Expected levels for areas such as performance, availability and operational support are included to guarantee the platform remains both reliable and secure.

| ID | Requirement |
|--------|---|
| NFR-01 | The platform is designed for 24×7 operation, with operational support provided according to defined service hours and escalation arrangements |
| NFR-02 | Confidentiality of all data must be maintained through controlled access and encryption |
| NFR-03 | Recovery objectives are defined so that critical services can be restored within agreed timeframes following failure |
| NFR-04 | Energy and operational data must be backed up on a regular basis to prevent loss and support recovery when required |
| NFR-05 | User interactions and API requests should respond within acceptable timeframes |

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| NFR-06 | Core TIE platform services are designed to operate continuously, with a target availability of 99.9% to support uninterrupted monitoring and automated energy optimisation |
| NFR-07 | Changes to configuration, integrations, and security controls should be deployable with minimal service disruption |

Table 4: Non-functional Requirements

[Swimlane Diagram with activity description and separation of duties matrix](#)

Within the swimlane diagram below, the lifecycle of a device configuration change from request through to completion has been traced, illustrating how actions are split across different roles and systems. Emphasis is also placed on how checks, controls, and approvals are built into the process, aiding the maintenance of accountability and preventing misuse.

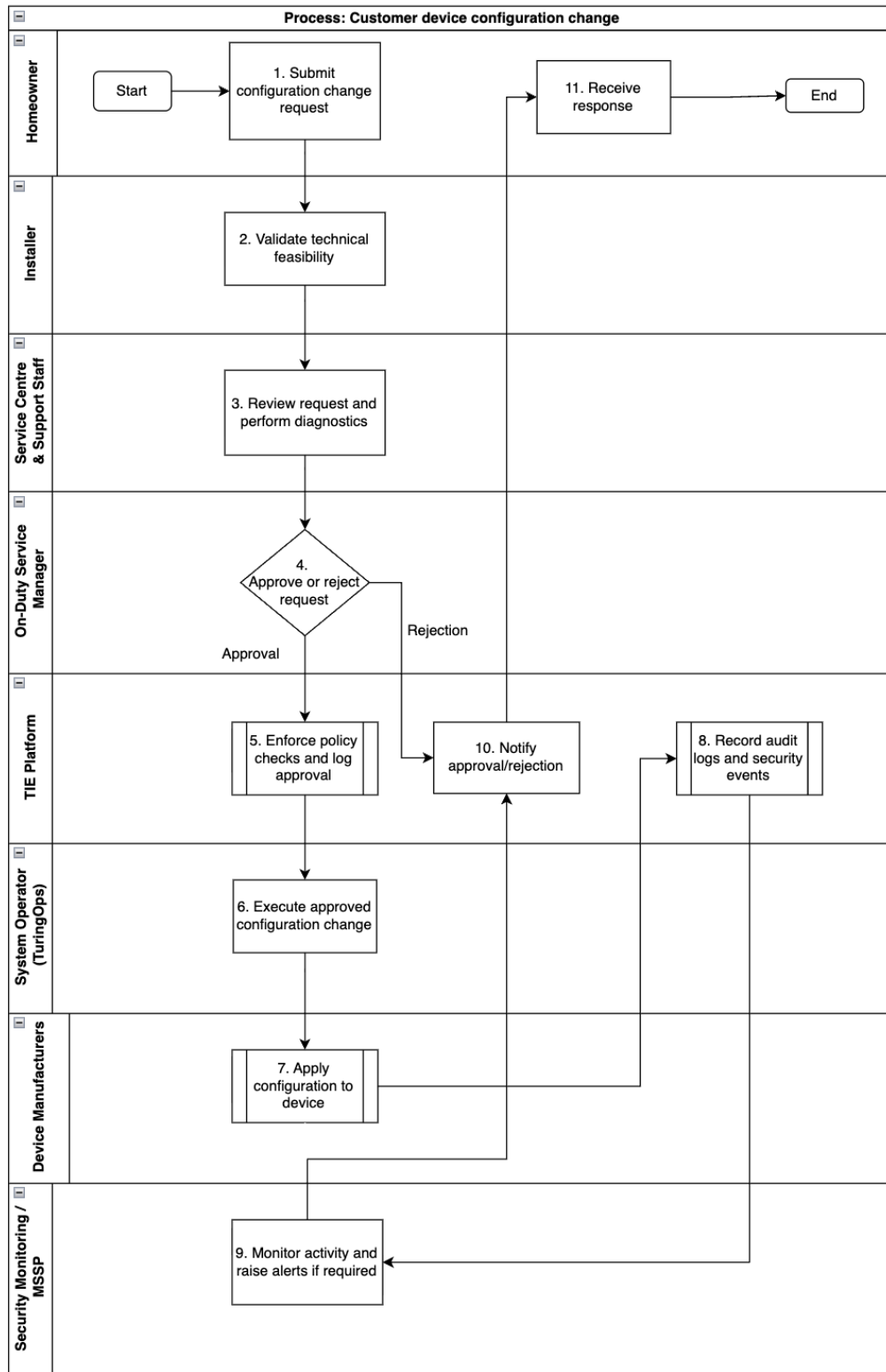


Figure 3: Swimlane Diagram

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Separation of Duties Matrix

A separation of duties (SoD) matrix defines which process steps within the customer device configuration change workflow may or may not be performed by the same role. The matrix is utilised to reduce the risk of error, misuse or privilege abuse through assurance of critical actions being appropriately separated across different roles and systems.

| SoD Combination | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| X | Elevated Risk |
| * | Low Risk |
| ✓ | Combination Allowed |

| Role | |
|------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Homeowner |
| 2 | Installer |
| 3 | Service Centre Support Staff |
| 4 | On-Duty Service Manager |
| 5 | TIE Platform |
| 6 | System Operator (TuringOps) |
| 7 | Device Manufacturers |
| 8 | Security Monitoring / MSSP |

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| Process Step | Role | ID | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|---|------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| Submit configuration change request | 1 | 1 | | X | | X | | X | X | | | | |
| Validate technical feasibility | 2 | 2 | X | | * | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Review request and perform diagnostics | 3 | 3 | | * | | * | | | | | | | |
| Approve or reject request | 4 | 4 | X | | * | | | X | X | | | | |
| Enforce policy checks and log approval | 5 | 5 | | ✓ | | | | | | * | | ✓ | |
| Execute approved configuration change | 6 | 6 | X | | | X | | | | X | X | | |
| Apply configuration to device | 7 | 7 | X | | | X | | | | X | | | |
| Record audit logs and security events | 5 | 8 | | | | | * | X | X | | * | | |
| Monitor activity and raise alerts if required | 8 | 9 | | | | | | X | | * | | | |
| Notify approval/rejection | 5 | 10 | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ |
| Receive response | 1 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |

Table 5: SoD Matrix

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Architecture

Architectural design plays a central role in how the Turing Intelligent Energy (TIE) platform operates securely in practice. The focus is on clarifying various aspects of the architecture to display the platform's security and data flows.

Component Architecture Diagram with assets, actors, threat and controls overlay.

Presented within the component architecture diagram are the main building blocks of the TIE platform and the trust boundaries that separate them. By showing where critical services, sensitive data, and security controls lie, risk can be identified so an effective security design can be put in place.

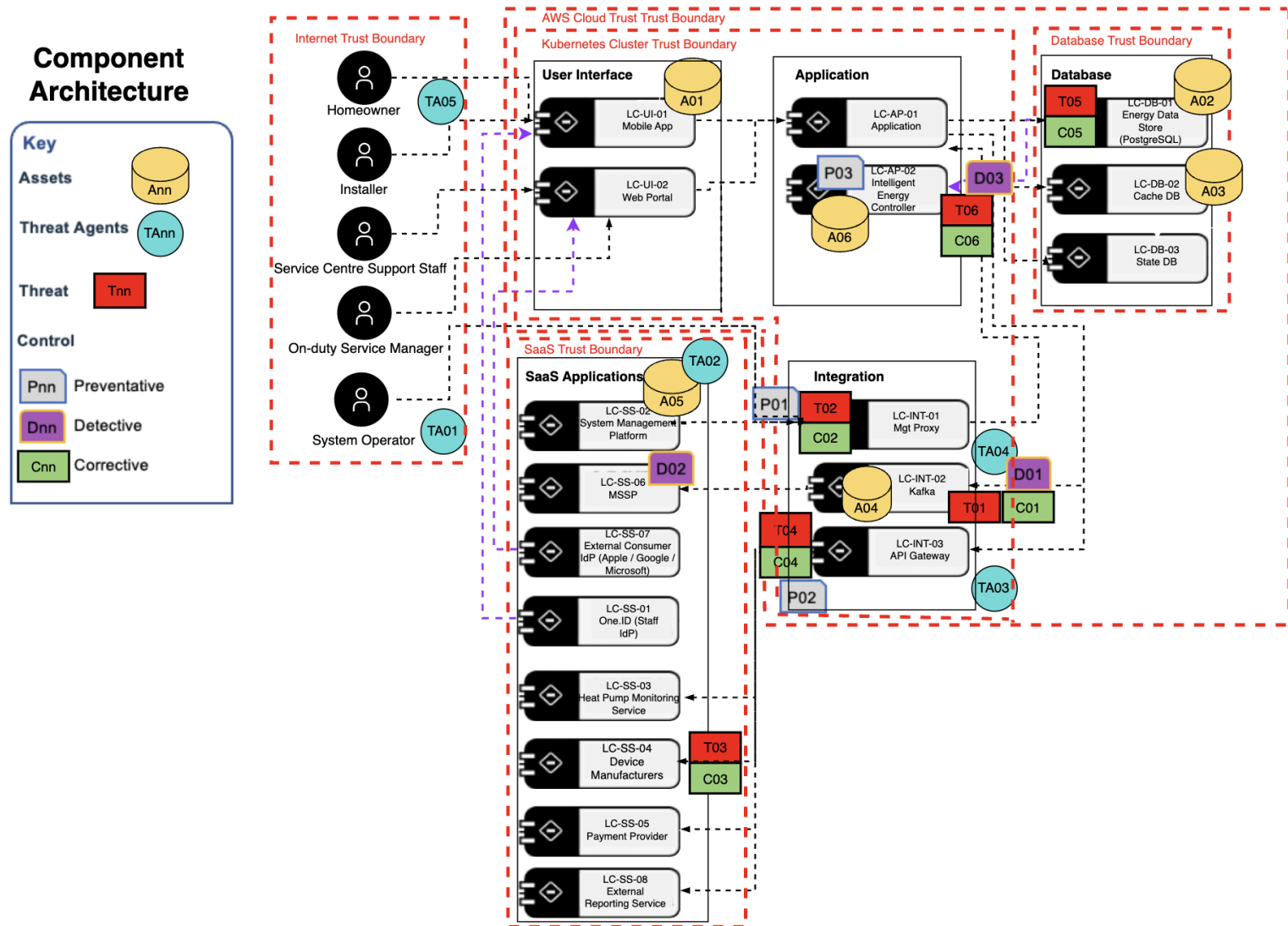


Figure 4: Component Architecture Diagram

| ASSETS | THREAT AGENT | THREAT |
|--|--|--|
| <p>A01 – UI App Data & Device Configuration</p> <p>A02 – Energy Data Store (EDS) Data</p> <p>A03 – Cache Database Content</p> <p>A04 – Kafka Event Stream Data.</p> <p>A05 – Identity & Privileged-Access Management Artefacts (SaaS boundary)</p> <p>A06 – IEC Decision Logic / AI Model Artefacts</p> | <p>TA01 – Privileged Operator / Outsourcer (TuringOps)</p> <p>TA02 – Compromised SaaS Provider</p> <p>TA03 – External API Attacker</p> <p>TA04 – Adversary Targeting Event / Telemetry Pipelines</p> <p>TA05 – Untrusted End User / Internet Attacker</p> | <p>T01 – Kafka Stream Disruption or Event Injection</p> <p>T02 – Abuse of Management Proxy / Management Channel</p> <p>T03 – Compromise via Device Manufacturer API Integration</p> <p>T04 – API Gateway Attack (Untrusted Invocation / Enumeration / Abuse)</p> <p>T05 – EDS Data Exposure or Unauthorised Access</p> <p>T06 – IEC Manipulation</p> |
| CORRECTIVE | PREVENTIVE | DETECTIVE |
| <p>C01 – Kafka Stream Containment & Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine topics / block producer keys / rebuild consumer offsets / replay from known-good checkpoints. <p>C02 – Management Access Revocation & Session Kill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disable admin accounts, revoke privileged sessions, rotate management credentials, disable mgmt endpoints temporarily. <p>C03 – Manufacturer API Key Rotation + Device Command Freeze</p> | <p>P01 – Privileged Access Governance via Management Proxy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval workflow enforcement (change record / break-glass), MFA for privileged flows, session controls. <p>P02 – API Gateway Policy & Abuse Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong authN/authZ, schema validation, throttling, request signing where feasible. <p>P03 – IEC Data Integrity Guardrails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input validation from EDS to IEC, model governance, | <p>D01 – Kafka Security/Event Logging with Integrity Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detects stream anomalies (unexpected producers, abnormal topic volumes, invalid schemas). <p>D02 – MSSP SIEM Monitoring (TuringDetect)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correlation, alerting, incident escalation based on Kafka-fed security events. <p>D03 – IEC + Data Store Audit/Analytics Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detects suspicious optimisation outputs, abnormal query |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotate service keys, revoke tokens, disable outbound control commands until trust is restored. <p>C04 – API Gateway Block/Shield Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency WAF rules, IP/ASN blocks, route to “deny-by-default” policy set, tighten rate limits. <p>C05 – EDS Data Protection Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revoke DB creds, force password rotation, restore from backup, isolate DB tier, validate integrity <p>C06 – IEC Rollback / Safe-Mode Optimisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll back model/version, switch to deterministic safe ruleset, freeze tuning instructions until validation passes. | <p>restricted write paths for tuning instructions.</p> | <p>patterns, unexpected state changes.</p> |
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As the component architecture was being designed, the core platform responsibilities were first outlined to gain an understanding of where the trust boundaries are positioned. To aid the creation of a secure-by-design system, the placement of key assets, threats, and controls has been mapped out. Furthermore, for the purpose of enforcing least-privilege access and network segmentation, a separation of the integration, applications, and user access has been applied (Buckwell, Van Daele and Horst, 2024).

[Threat-Risk Register with OWASP risk evaluation](#)

A threat–risk register can be used to identify key security risks arising from user activity after inspecting the component architecture. The risks within the register below were assessed using an OWASP-style likelihood and impact approach, with mitigations grouped into preventative, detective, and corrective controls (OWASP, n.d.). Research was conducted to find relevant threats and mitigations for Turing Intelligent Energy (NIST, 2020)(MITRE, 2024).

Table 6: Threat Risk Register

| Threat Target | Attack Technique | Threat Actor | STRIDE | Inherent Risk | | | Risk Mitigation | | | Residual Risk | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------|--------------|
| | | | | Likelihood | Impact | Overall Risk | Preventive | Detective | Corrective | Likelihood | Impact | Overall Risk |
| Integration Layer (API Gateway) | Message poisoning of optimisation event stream | External attacker | DoS | M | H | H | Message sanitisation | Dead letter queue monitoring | Reset users | L | M | L |
| Intelligent Energy Controller | Abuse of IEC to exhaust system resources | Automated attacker | DoS | M | M | M | Execution limits | Utilisation alerts for resources | Job suspension | L | M | L |
| Energy Data Store | Energy usage inference via repeated queries | External attacker | Information Disclosure | M | H | H | Query limiting | Query pattern analysis | Restrict queries | M | M | M |
| User Interface | Credential stuffing | External attacker | Spoofing | H | M | H | MFA | Login anomaly monitoring | Session invalidation | M | L | L |
| System Management Platform | Privilege misuse via approved or abused admin access | Outsourcer/ Insider | Elevation of Privilege | M | H | M | Break-glass approval | Privileged activity monitoring | Revoke access | L | M | L |

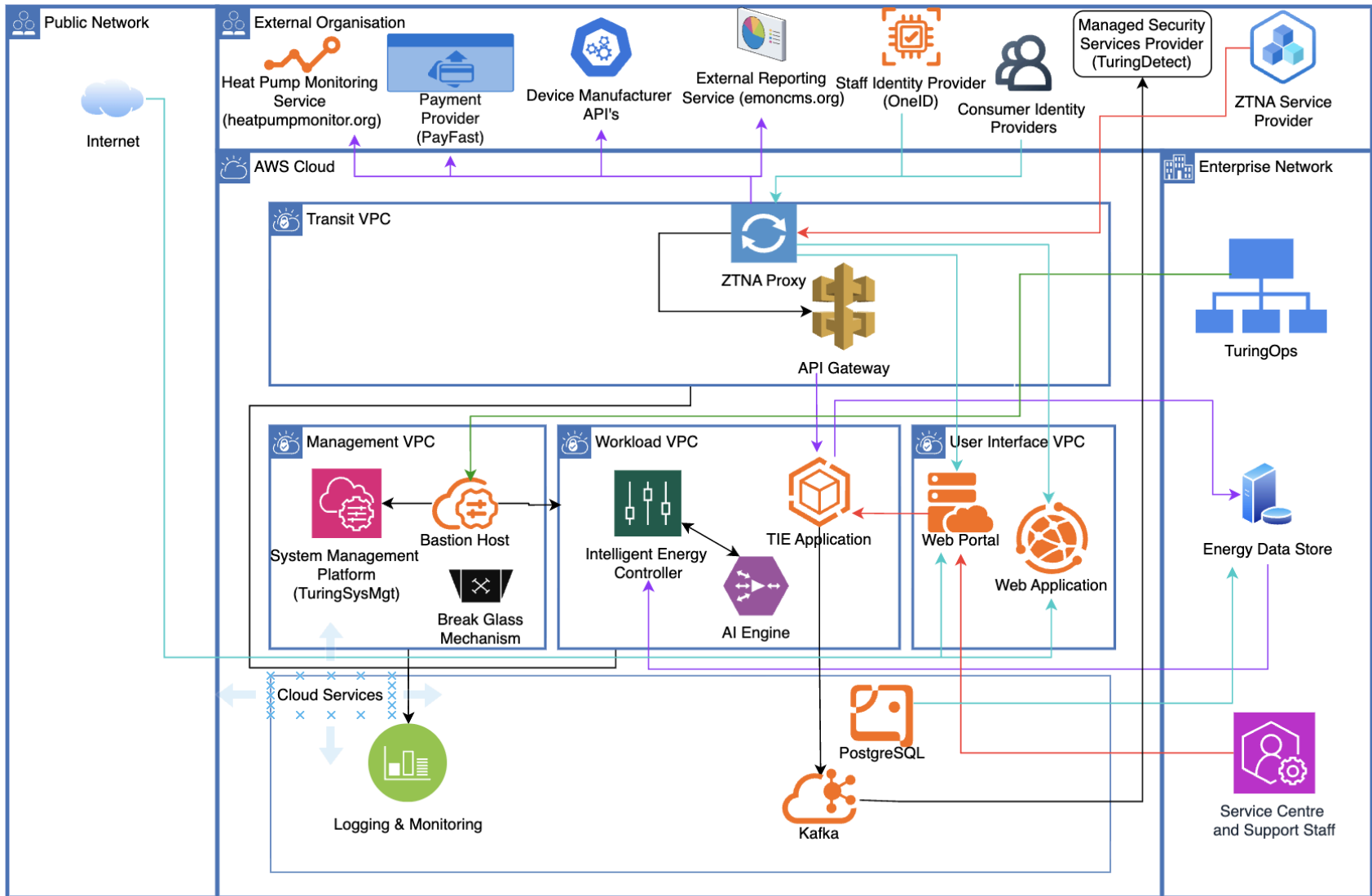
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The mitigations identified in the threat–risk register directly influence both the architectural controls applied in the component and deployment diagrams.

Deployment Architecture Diagram

From a deployment perspective, the TIE platform operates in a public cloud using segmented VPCs to reduce the attack surface and enforce least-privilege access. It is explicitly shown where trust boundaries sit, along with data flows and the implementation of security controls. The CIA triad is constructed through the application of these factors.



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Figure 4: Deployment Architecture Diagram

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As the deployment diagram was being illustrated, the idea of security and operational risk was kept in mind. Additionally, to emphasise trust, a Zero Trust Network Proxy (ZTNA) was implemented. The lines have been coloured to create an easier perception of the network and data flows.

Governance Appendix

The role of the Governance Appendix is to assemble the practices that sit behind the technical design. Within this appendix, there are governance mechanisms reported with the objective of supporting the secure operation of the deployed architecture. Architectural controls are reinforced through defined responsibilities, processes, and potential oversight.

Viability Assessment (RAID log)

Viability Assessments outline the main risks, assumptions, issues, and dependencies that may affect delivery and operations. Areas of uncertainty have been made explicit, with clear actions and ownership defined to ensure active management.

Risks

| Statement | Action(s) | Owner & Date |
|--|--|---|
| There is a risk that reliance on external service providers could impact platform availability, caused as a result of third-party service outages or degraded performance, which may result in loss of service to customers and installers. | Define SLAs, monitor service health, and document fallback procedures. | Owner: Platform Operations Lead Date: Service onboarding milestone |
| There is a risk that unauthorised access to customer or operational data could occur, caused as a result of misconfigured access controls across multiple cloud trust boundaries, which may result in loss of confidentiality or service disruption. | Enforce identity-based access controls, role separation, and regular access reviews. | Owner: Security Architect Date: Prior to MVP production deployment |

Table 7: Risk (RAID)

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Assumptions

| Statement | Action(s) | Owner & Date |
|---|---|---|
| There is an assumption that identity providers used for users and staff authentication remain secure and available. If the assumption is not validated or turns out to be invalid, there is a risk that users are unable to authenticate, which may result in reduced platform availability. | Monitor availability and document incident escalation paths | Owner: Security Lead Date: Before deployment |
| There is an assumption that cloud-native security services provided by the public cloud platform are correctly configured and maintained. If the assumption is not validated or turns out to be invalid, there is a risk that security vulnerabilities remain undetected, which may result in increased attack surface. | Conduct configuration reviews and security assurance checks | Owner: Cloud Security Engineer Date: Within 4 weeks of the environment build |

Table 8: Assumptions (RAID)

Issues

| Statement | Action(s) | Owner & Date |
|--|---|---|
| There is an issue that the transparency of security events depends on correct event forwarding to monitoring services, which has resulted in delayed detection during testing. This has been caused because event pipelines were not completely validated early in the design. | Validate logging and alerting paths before going live | Owner: Security Operations Lead Date: Within 3 weeks of logging and monitoring integration |

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|---|--|---|
| <p>There is an issue that some operational tasks currently require elevated privileges, which has resulted in increased reliance on trusted operators. This has been caused because access controls are still being improved.</p> | <p>Introduce tighter role definitions and approval-based privileged access</p> | <p>Owner: Operations Manager Date: Within 1-4 weeks</p> |
|---|--|---|

Table 9: Issues (RAID)

Dependencies

| Statement | Action(s) | Owner & Date |
|--|---|--|
| <p>There is a dependency on a managed security services provider to monitor security events. If not delivered against in the required timeframe, there is a risk that security incidents will not be detected promptly, which may result in elevated impact.</p> | <p>Define monitoring responsibilities and escalation procedures</p> | <p>Owner: Security Operations Lead Date: SOC onboarding</p> |
| <p>There is a dependency on external identity providers to authenticate homeowners and staff. If not delivered against in the required timeframe, there is a risk that users cannot access the platform, which may result in service unavailability.</p> | <p>Confirm provider availability and support arrangements</p> | <p>Owner: Security Lead Date: Identity integration milestone</p> |

Table 10: Dependencies (RAID)

Architecture Decision Record

This Architectural Decision Record captures a significant security design choice for the Turing Intelligent Energy (TIE) platform. The decision is presented within its architectural and operational context, with consideration given to alternative approaches. Moreover, a clear explanation of why the selected option best addresses the identified risks and design principles is incorporated.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|
| Subject Area | Network Security and Access Control | Topic | Zero Trust Network Access |
| Architectural Decision | Should Zero Trust Network Access be adopted to control access to the TIE platform for staff and privileged users? | AD ID | TIE-AD-001 |
| Issue or Problem | Access to the TIE platform is required by users, staff and third-party services across multiple locations and networks. Traditional network-based access models increase exposure by extending implicit trust once connected, which raises the risk of lateral movement, credential misuse, and unauthorised access to sensitive systems. | | |
| Assumptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff, users, and third-party services access the platform remotely over untrusted networks. The platform spans multiple trust boundaries within a public cloud environment. Access to administrative and operational functions will be tightly controlled and auditable. | | |
| Motivation | Controlling who can access which services is a critical aspect of protecting availability and sensitive data. A zero-trust approach reduces the attack surface, using access decisions based on policy, context, and identity. | | |
| Alternatives | Alternative 1: Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA) | Advantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricts access per-application using identity, device, and context Reduces attack surface by removing blind network trust | |
| | | Disadvantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires changes to access patterns and user workflow | |

| | | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduces dependency on identity and policy enforcement services |
| | | <p>Expected effort/Cost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium implementation effort with ongoing service costs, offset by reduced security and operational risk |
| | <p>Alternative 2: Traditional VPN-Based Access</p> | <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides encrypted network access for internal users |
| | | <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased risk of lateral movement due to broad network access once granted Poor compatibility with cloud-native and external services |
| | | <p>Expected effort/cost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate setup cost, but continued costs for monitoring and access management |
| | <p>Alternative 3: Direct Public Exposure with Identity Controls Only</p> | <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple to implement with the use of existing identity providers and application controls. Low upfront cost and minimal infrastructure complexity |

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|-----------------------------|---|---|
| | | <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposes services directly to the internet, increasing the attack surface. • Limited protection against network-level threats |
| | | <p>Expected effort/Cost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low risk initially; however, the risk increases over time |
| Decision | Zero Trust Network Access will be implemented for staff and privileged access to the TIE platform. | |
| Justification | ZTNA aligns with the platform’s cloud-native design and reliance on remote operational access. The proxy supports least-privilege access and reduces the risk of lateral movement, in conjunction with integrating effectively with identity providers. In contrast to a VPN-based approach, ZTNA offers stronger security with lower risk. | |
| Implications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote access will be managed through a ZTNA provider. • Operational processes must incorporate identity and policy-based access controls. | |
| Derived requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity-based access policies for users, staff and external services. • Centralised logging and monitoring of access decisions. | |
| Related Decisions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of external identity providers for staff and user authentication. | |

Table 11: Architecture Decision Record

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At its core, this report defines a security architecture for the Turing Intelligent Energy (TIE) platform shaped by real-world governance requirements, access patterns, and operational responsibilities. A consistent link has been made to all areas of the architecture in order to create a viable solution.

Risks affecting confidentiality and availability are addressed through segmented trust boundaries along with identity-driven access management, with the governance reinforcing these implementations.

By centring design decisions around threat modelling and operational constraints, the architecture is able to avoid unnecessary complexity whilst retaining its resilience. The outcome demonstrates that the TIE platform can remain dependable and secure when protection is treated as a design input.

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