

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Commission Meeting**

**Date: 27 April 2022**

**Time: 1.00pm**

**Place: Finlaison House and video conference**

## Attendees

### Commission Members:

Sir John Armitt	(Chair)
Professor Sir Tim Besley	(Commissioner)
Neale Coleman CBE	(Commissioner)
Professor David Fisk CB	(Commissioner)
Andy Green CBE	(Commissioner)
Professor Sadie Morgan	(Commissioner)
Julia Prescott	(Commissioner)
Bridget Rosewell CBE	(Commissioner)

### Secretariat:

James Heath	(Chief Executive)
James Richardson	(Chief Economist)
Giles Stevens	(Director of Policy)
Jen Coe	(Director of Policy)
Mark Ardron	(Chief Operating Officer)
	(Head of Private Office)
	(Head of Communications)
	(Policy Adviser) (Item 7)
	(Assistant Director) (Item 8)
	(Assistant Director) (Item 9)
	(Head of Economic Analysis) (Item 10)

### External guests:

Jim Hall	(newly appointed Commissioner from 1 May)
Kate Willard	(newly appointed Commissioner from 1 May) (Items 1-8)

## 1. Apologies and Welcome

1.1 No apologies were received.

## 2. Welcome to new Commissioners

2.1 The Chair welcomed Kate Willard and Jim Hall as new Commissioners with five year terms starting on 1 May 2022. He noted that Nick Winser had also been appointed as a new

Commissioner on the same terms and would join for the next meeting. The Chair also congratulated Julia Prescott, Neale Coleman, and Andy Green on being reappointed for five year terms.

### **3 Minutes and matters arising**

3.1 No comments were made on the minutes of the last meeting.

### **4 Declarations of Interest**

4.1 Tim Besley (TB) noted he had been asked to chair a Climate Task Force for the Asia Infrastructure Bank.

### **5 Chair's update**

5.1 The Chair updated on his activities since the last meeting including a roundtable with policy officials, politicians and business organised by SSE.

### **6 CEO's update**

6.1 The Chair invited the Chief Executive (JH) to update on key developments since the last meeting.

6.2 JH noted that preparatory work on the prioritisation of NIA2 policies would take place in June and July with a discussion of the fiscal and economic remits.

### **7 Waste and the Circular Economy**

7.1 The Chair invited Sadie Morgan (SM) to introduce the waste and the circular economy challenge. SM noted that this was a very broad subject area and that the scope had been kept infrastructure-focused to ensure it was manageable. AG introduced the paper noting the proposed problem definition and scope.

**Decision: Commissioners approved the project scope.**

### **8 Digital challenge**

8.1 The Chair invited NW to introduce proposed changes to the scope of the digital NIA2 challenge.

**DECISION: The Commission approved the scope and approach, but agreed to revisit it later in the year in light of any policy developments elsewhere.**

### **9 Energy security strategy**

9.1 The Chair invited JC to outline the implications of the government's Energy Security Strategy for the Commission's NIA2 energy work programme.

### **10 Managing uncertainty**

10.1 The Chair invited CD to introduce the executive summary of the report on managing uncertainty in NIA2. Commissioners were asked to sign off the headline findings of the report, to note the content on non-infrastructure policy drivers and to delegate sign-off of the final report to the lead Commissioner.

**DECISION: The Commission approved the executive summary and agreed to delegate final sign off of the report to the lead Commissioner.**

## **11 AOB**

11.1 The Chair noted it was David Fisk's last meeting as a Commissioner and thanked him for his five years of service on the Commission.

11.2 The Chief Executive noted it was Giles Stevens' last meeting as Director of Policy, and thanked him for his work for the Commission.