

MINUTES

Meeting: Commission Meeting

Date: 26 August 2020

Time: 10am

Place: Video conference

Attendees

Commission Members:

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

Secretariat:

James Heath	(Chief Executive)	
Giles Stevens	(Director of Policy)	
Charlotte Goodrich	(Chief Operating Officer)	
	(Head of Communications)	
	(Head of Private Office)	
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 6)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)	(Item 6)
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 7)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)	(Item 7)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)	(Item 7)
	(Senior Economic Adviser)	(Item 7)
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	(Student Economist)	(Item 7)

1. Apologies and Welcome

1.1 No apologies were received.

2 Minutes and matters arising

2.1 No comments were made on the minutes of the last meeting. The Chair noted that there were no actions in the action log.

3 Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 Bridget Rosewell (BR) noted that *Planning for the Future*, a paper on proposals for reform of the planning system, had been published since the last meeting. This was produced by the MHCLG planning taskforce, of which she was a member.
- 3.2 BR noted that she was sitting on an independent panel for TfL, focussing on the organisation's long term finances.

4 Chair's update

- 4.1 The Chair provided an update on his activities since the last meeting.

5 Chief Executive's update

- 5.1 The Chief Executive (JH) provided an update on his activities since the last meeting. He noted that the budget and spending review were still expected in the autumn.
- 5.2 JH noted that the diversity strategy approved at the last meeting had now also been approved by the Commission's Oversight Board and would be published in September.
- 5.3 JH noted that the Commission's office was due to re-open on 7 September.

6 Energy Efficiency

- 6.1 The Chair invited JC to introduce a paper on energy efficiency. JC noted that project aimed to procure a model to understand the implications for heat decarbonisation pathways if the existing building stock is only able to meet certain levels of energy efficiency. JC asked Commissioners whether they approved work on this topic and whether they had feedback on the proposed approach and outputs.

DECISION: The Commission approved work on energy efficiency.

7 Place and levelling up

- 7.1 The Chair invited GM to update on the project on place and levelling up. GM highlighted findings from the project to date and noted that future work would be aligned to the work to support NIA2. He noted this would include the publication of the growth across regions paper and a symposium on infrastructure and quality of life in the autumn. GM asked Commissioners if they were content with the proposed milestones for work on place and levelling up over the coming months.

DECISION: The Commission agreed the proposed work on place and levelling up.

8 AOB

- 8.1 The Chief Operating Officer (CG) updated on plans to re-open the Commission's office.