

MINUTES

Meeting: Commission Meeting

Date: 25 August 2021

Time: 10am

Place: Video conference

Attendees

Commission Members:

Sir John Armitt	(Chair)	
Professor Sir Tim Besley	(Commissioner)	
Neale Coleman CBE	(Commissioner)	
Professor David Fisk CB	(Commissioner)	(Item 7)
Andy Green CBE	(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)	
Hannah Brown	(Director of Policy)	
Mark Ardron	(Chief Operating Officer)	
	(Head of Communications)	
	(Head of Private Office)	
	(Senior Economic Adviser)	
	(Senior Policy Adviser)	
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 6)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)	(Item 6)
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 7)
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	(Senior Policy Adviser)	(Item 7)

1. Apologies and Welcome

1.1 Apologies were received from Sadie Morgan.

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 actions log.

3 Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 Neale Coleman (NC) noted that he was continuing advisory work for North East Lincolnshire Council.

4 Chair's update

- 4.1 The Chair updated on his activities since the last meeting. He noted that the integrated rail plan was expected in the autumn and that HM Treasury's process to appoint new Commissioners was ongoing.

5 CEO's update

- 5.1 JH highlighted that the secretariat was planning a programme of regional engagement to support the second national infrastructure assessment and that a paper would be brought to Commissioners at the October meeting.
- 5.2 JH noted that HM Treasury's review of the Commission's remit was ongoing, highlighting key areas under consideration.

6 Towns study

- 6.1 The Chair invited GM to introduce the executive summary and recommendations of the Towns study. Commissioners were asked whether they approved the executive summary and final recommendations.

DECISION: Commissioners approved the executive summary and final recommendations.

7 NIA 2 baseline report

- 7.1 The Chair invited EB to introduce an update on the NIA2 baseline report. EB asked Commissioners to note the findings of the social research, whether they agreed with further work on Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) infrastructure in NIA2 and to comment on the model water and wastewater chapter.

DECISION: Commissioners approved the format of the model water and wastewater chapter and agreed to include CCS in the NIA2 workplan.

8 AOB

- 8.1 Commissioners asked about plans to hold a Commission meeting in person. JH said this would depend on updates to government guidance on coronavirus risk management, but that the secretariat would explore options for an in person meeting and a Commissioner dinner.