

## MINUTES (public version)

**Meeting: Commission Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Time: 1:00pm to 4:10pm**

**Location: NIC Boardroom, Finlaison House, London and Video Conference**

### Attendance of the meeting

#### Commission Members:

Sir John Armitt (Chair)	(Chair)
Prof Sir Tim Besley CBE	(Commissioner)
Neale Coleman CBE	(Commissioner)
Andy Green CBE	(Commissioner)
Bridget Rosewell CBE	(Commissioner)
Julia Prescott	(Commissioner)
Prof Jim Hall	(Commissioner)
Kate Willard OBE	(Commissioner)
Prof Sadie Morgan OBE	(Commissioner)

#### Secretariat:

James Heath	(Chief Executive)	
James Richardson	(Chief Economist)	
Mark Ardron	(Chief Operating Officer)	
Jen Coe	(Joint Director of Policy)	
Hannah Brown	(Joint Director of Policy)	
Margaret Read	(Joint Director of Policy)	
	(Head of Communications)	
	(Policy Adviser)	
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 7)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)	(Item 7)
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 8)

#### External guests:

Tamara Finkelstein	(Permanent Secretary, Defra)	(Item 6)
Sally Randall	(Deputy Director, Strategic Land and Property Review, Defra)	(Item 6)
David Hallam	(Director of Floods and Water, Defra)	(Item 6)
	(Head of Private Office, Defra)	(Item 6)

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

1.1 Sir John Armitt (JA) opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Nick Winser.

## **2 Minutes and matters arising**

Kate Willard (KW) asked to correct the previous minutes related to support for EDI.

## **3 Declarations of Interest**

3.1 Julia Prescott (JP) has been asked to join board of E3G.

3.2 Jim Hall's (JH) research group has received funding from Thames Water.

## **4 Chair Update**

4.1 JA updated on his activities since the last meeting,

4.2 JA invited other Commissioners to update on their recent engagement.

## **5 Chief Executive's update**

5.1 The Chair invited the Chief Executive (JHe) to update on key developments since the last meeting. JHe highlighted the reappointment by the Chancellor of JA as Chair for a further two years as well as the appointment of JP as deputy chair.

5.2 JHe updated on the opening of the Leeds office as well as the moving of the London office to a new location during 2023.

5.3 JHe updated on a likely new study from HMT on accelerating the consent/planning regime for major infrastructure projects.

## **6 External speaker – Tamara Finkelstein, DEFRA**

6.1 The Chair invited Tamara Finkelstein (TF) to the meeting and set out the aim for an exchange of information and understanding between Defra and the Commission.

6.2 The Chair opened to other Commissioners to discuss with TF the work of Defra in areas the Commission has made recommendations.

## **7 Carbon capture and storage – interim update**

7.1 The Chair invited the Senior Policy Adviser to introduce the interim update on the carbon capture and storage project.

7.2 JA summarised that there was broad support for the progress of the CCS project.

## **8 Infrastructure Progress Review**

8.1 The Chair invited Assistant Director to update the commission on the plans for the Infrastructure Progress Review (IPR) and plans for the upcoming report.

8.2 AD thanked the Commissioners for their input and will return with a further paper on progress in January 2023.

## **9 AOB**

9.1 There was no AOB

## **End of Meeting**