

MINUTES

Meeting: Commission Meeting

Date: 19 April 2023

Time: 12.15pm

Place: Leeds office and video conference

Attendees

Commission Members:

Sir John Armitt	(Chair)
Professor Sir Tim Besley	(Commissioner)
Neale Coleman CBE	(Commissioner)
Andy Green CBE	(Commissioner)
Professor Jim Hall	(Commissioner)
Sadie Morgan OBE	(Commissioner)
Julia Prescott	(Commissioner)
Kate Willard OBE	(Commissioner)
Nick Winser CBE	(Commissioner)
Bridget Rosewell CBE	(Transport expert) (Items 9 – 11)

Secretariat:

James Heath	(Chief Executive)
James Richardson	(Chief Economist)
Hannah Brown	(Director of Policy)
Jen Coe	(Director of Policy)
	(Chief Operating Officer)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)
	(Assistant Director) (Item 6)
	(Senior Policy Adviser) (Item 6)
	(Senior Policy Adviser) (Item 6)
	(Senior Policy Adviser) (Items 7 & 8)
	(Assistant Director) (Items 7 & 8)
	(Assistant Director) (Items 9-11)
	(Senior Policy Adviser) (Item 10)
	(Senior Policy Adviser) (Item 11)
	(Head of Economic Analysis) (Item 11)

External guests:

Bernadette Kelly	(Permanent Secretary, DfT) (Item 9)
	(Head of Office for Zero Emission Vehicles) (Item 9)

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.

3 Declarations of Interest

3.1 Neale Coleman declared he was still working for Lendlease, the government development partner for Euston station.

4 Chair's update

4.1 The Chair updated on his activities since the last meeting including speaking at a roundtable event organised with the All Party Parliamentary Group for Infrastructure, on the Commission's latest Infrastructure Progress Review.

4.2 SM thanked the team in the Secretariat for their work considering how to embed the design principles.

5 CEO's update

5.1 The Chair invited the Chief Executive (JH) to update on key developments since the last meeting. JH highlighted the publication of the Infrastructure Progress Review and the Planning Study, noting the high degree of stakeholder consensus generated by the study.

6 Digital project interim update

6.1 The Chair invited GS and AI to introduce an update on the digital project. The project would consider what could be done in the short term to remove barriers and what would be needed for a long-term strategic investment, focussing on assets, governance and funding.

6.2 The Commission provided feedback and approved the direction of the project.

7 New networks – draft conclusions

7.1 The Chair invited TH to introduce draft conclusions on the project on new networks for hydrogen and carbon capture and storage. TH asked if Commissioners were content with draft recommendations.

7.2 Commissioners discussed the recommendations and agreed with the direction of travel.

8 Energy governance – draft conclusions

8.1 The Chair invited JC to introduce draft recommendations on energy governance. JC asked if Commissioners were content with recommendations and for comment.

8.2 Commissioners provided feedback on the draft conclusions and were content with the direction of the recommendations.

9 Bernadette Kelly, Permanent Secretary, Department for Transport

9.1 The Chair invited Bernadette Kelly (BK) and KB to discuss shared interests.

9.2 The Chair invited Commissioners to ask BK questions.

9.3 The Chair thanked BK and KB for the useful discussion.

10 Urban transport – draft recommendations

10.1 The Chair invited BM to introduce draft recommendations on urban transport.

10.2 Commissioners provided feedback on the draft recommendations and were content with the direction of the recommendations.

11 Interurban transport – draft recommendations

11.1 The Chair invited AJ to introduce draft recommendations on interurban transport. AJ asked if Commissioners were content with the narrative and emerging recommendations.

11.2 Commissioners provided feedback on the draft recommendations and were content with the direction of the recommendations.

12 AOB

12.1 No items of AOB were raised.