

MINUTES

Meeting: Commission Meeting

Date: Wednesday 25th January 2023

Time: 1:00pm to 4:40pm

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)
Julia Prescott	(Commissioner)
Prof Jim Hall	(Commissioner)
Kate Willard OBE	(Commissioner)
Prof Sadie Morgan OBE	(Commissioner)
Nick Winser CBE	(Commissioner)

Secretariat:

James Heath	(Chief Executive)	
James Richardson	(Chief Economist)	
Mark Ardron	(Chief Operating Officer)	
Jen Coe	(Joint Director of Policy)	
Margaret Read	(Joint Director of Policy)	
	(Head of Communications)	
	(Head of Economics and Modelling)	(Item 6)
	(Stakeholder and Strategic Engagement Lead)	(Item 7)
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 8)

External guests:

Clive Maxwell	(Second Permanent Secretary, BEIS)	(Item 9)
Ashley Ibbett	(Director General, Networks, BEIS)	(Item 9)
Ben Rimmington	(Director General, Heat and Hydrogen, BEIS)	(Item 9)

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 Sir John Armitt (JA) opened the meeting. There were no apologies.

2 Minutes and matters arising

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

3.1 JA has stood down as Chairman of National Express and been appointed as a Board member for TD Bidco Ltd, parent company of Tilbury Douglas.

3.2 Jim Hall (JH) has taken up a new role as Director of the Digital Task Force for Planning.

4 Chair Update

4.1 JA updated on his stakeholder engagement 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 and stakeholder engagements since the last meeting.

6 Reporting on cost and affordability in NIA2

6.1 The Chair invited CD to present the paper covering reporting on cost and affordability in NIA2. CD provided an overview of how the scorecards are set up and how they can be used.

7 NIA2 Communications and Engagement plan

7.1 The Chair invited RB and BW to present on the communications and engagement plan for the publication of the second National Infrastructure Assessment (NIA2).

7.2 The Commissioners discussed the communications approach and provided feedback on the plan.

8 External Speaker - Clive Maxwell, Second Permanent Secretary, BEIS

8.1 The Chair welcomed Clive Maxwell (CM), Ashley Ibbett (IB) and Ben Rimmington (BR) to the meeting. The Chair highlighted the key points for discussion including the progress on meeting net zero and decarbonisation of energy, and progress made on NIC recommendations.

8.2 The Chair invited Commissioners to ask BEIS questions on these topics.

8.3 The Chair thanked BEIS for joining the meeting and for the useful discussion.

9 Infrastructure Progress Review 2023 – core narrative

9.1 The Chair invited NW to update the commission on the proposed narrative and ten priorities for the Infrastructure Progress Review (IPR).

9.2 The Commission discussed the draft core narrative and provided feedback.

10 AOB

10.1. No AOB

End of Meeting