

MINUTES

Meeting: Commission Meeting

Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Time: 1:00pm to 4:15pm

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)
Julia Prescott	(Commissioner)
Prof Jim Hall	(Commissioner)
Kate Willard OBE	(Commissioner)
Nick Winsor CBE	(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)	
Margaret Read	(Joint Director of Policy)	
	(Head of Communications)	
	(Head of Economics and Modelling)	
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 6, 7 and 8)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)	(Item 7)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)	(Item 9)
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 9)

1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1. Sir John Armitt (JA) opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Neale Coleman and Andy Green.

2. Minutes and matters arising

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

3. Declarations of Interest

- 3.1. No declarations of interest were declared.

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 and stakeholder engagements since the last meeting.

6. Energy – overall narrative

6.1. The Chair invited JC to provide an update on the overall draft narrative that will support the proposals in the second National Infrastructure Assessment (NIA2) on the energy system transition.

6.2. Commissioners praised the team for the work to date and endorsed the direction of travel with the narrative.

7. Heat transition and energy efficiency

7.1. The Chair invited CJ and JC to provide an update on the heat transition project.

7.2. Commissioners noted the progress made on the paper and endorsed the direction of travel.

8. Decarbonised power and the role of unabated gas

8.1. The Chair suggested that due to time constraints, comments on this paper are taken offline.

9. Planning study draft report

9.1. The Chair invited JCo and EB to update on the planning study draft report.

9.2. The Commission noted the next steps for the report and agreed to delegated sign off the to Chair and lead Commissioners.

AOB

- No AOB

End of Meeting