

MINUTES

Meeting: Commission Meeting

Date: Wednesday 19th October 2022

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

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

Attendance of the meeting

Commission Members:

Sir John Armitt	(Chair)
Professor Sir Tim Besley	(Commissioner)
Neale Coleman CBE	(Commissioner)
Andy Green CBE	(Commissioner)
Professor Jim Hall	(Commissioner)
Bridget Rosewell CBE	(Commissioner)
Professor Sadie Morgan	(Commissioner)
Nick Winser CBE	(Commissioner)

Secretariat:

James Heath	(Chief Executive)	
James Richardson	(Chief Economist)	
Hannah Brown	(Joint Director of Policy)	
Jen Coe	(Joint Director of Policy)	
Margaret Read	(Joint Director of Policy)	
	(Head of Communications)	
	(Policy Adviser)	
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 6)
	(Senior Policy Advisor)	(Item 6)
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 7)
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 10)

External guests:

Maria Machancoses	(Chief Executive, Midlands Connect)	(Item 9)
Clr Mike Green	(Chair, Western Gateway)	(Item 9)
Lord Patrick McLoughlin	(Chair, Transport for the North)	(Item 9)
Martin Tugwell	(Chief Executive, Transport for the North)	(Item 9)

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 Sir John Armitt (JA) opened the meeting of the Commission welcoming all in attendance.

2 Minutes and matters arising

2.1 The minutes and action log of the 22nd September 2022 Commission meeting were reviewed and approved by all those in attendance.

3 Declarations of Interest

3.1 No declarations of interests were declared.

4 Chair's Update

4.1 JA opened his update by presenting stakeholder engagements since the previous meeting, which Commissioners noted.

4.2 There was a brief discussion of the Commission Design Group's planned Design Symposium.

5 Chief Executive's update

5.1 The Chair invited the Chief Executive (JH) to update on key developments since the last meeting. JH welcomed the Commission's new Director of Policy, Margaret Read.

5.2 JH presented stakeholder engagements since the previous meeting, which Commissioners noted.

6 Surface Water Flooding

6.1 The Chair invited EB to introduce the Surface Water Flooding (SWF) study and provide Commissioners with an update on the project.

6.2 The Chair thanked EB for presenting and opened up to Commissioners who discussed the report's final recommendations.

6.3 The Board approved the executive summary of the report including the final recommendations and delegated the sign-off of the final full report to the lead Commissioners, ahead of publication in November.

7 Digital

7.1 The Chair welcomed NW who provided an overview of their paper on the digital project for NIA2 and reminded Commissioners of steers from the previous meeting.

7.2 JA thanked NW for presenting and the Commissioners discussed the paper.

7.3 JA thanked Commissioners for their comments and congratulated the team on the progress to date. The scope of the project was agreed.

8 Transport Panel

8.1 The Chair invited Cllr Mike Green (Western Gateway), Maria Machancoses (Midlands Connect), Lord Patrick McLaughlin (TfN) and Martin Tugwell (TfN) to speak. After opening remarks, JA invited Commissioners to ask the panel questions.

8.2 JA thanked the panel for attending.

9 Heat transition

9.1 JA invited JC to introduce the heat project for NIA2. JC provided an overview of the key issues in the sector and a summary of the emerging narrative.

9.2 JA thanked JC for presenting and the Commissioners discussed the paper.

9.3 JA thanked Commissioners for their comments and congratulated the team on the progress to date.

10 AOB

10.1 No items of AOB were raised.

End of Meeting