

## MINUTES

**Meeting: Commission Meeting**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Time: 13:00pm**

**Place: 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Windsor House and Microsoft Teams Meeting**

### Attendees

#### Commission Members:

Sir John Armit	(Chair)
Julia Prescott	(Deputy Chair)
Kate Willard OBE	(Commissioner)
Professor Jim Hall Freng	(Commissioner)
Nick Winser CBE	(Commissioner)
Dr Michèle Dix CBE	(Commissioner)
Professor Sir Tim Besley	(Commissioner)
Neale Coleman CBE	(Commissioner)

#### Secretariat:

James Heath	(Chief Executive)
Jen Coe	(Director of Policy)
Jonny Saks	(Chief Economist)
Margaret Read	(Director of Policy)
Mark Ardron	(Chief Operating Officer)
	(Head of Communications)
	(Head of Governance)
	(Assistant Director)
	(Stakeholder and Strategic Engagement Lead)
	(Assistant Director)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)

#### Other attendees:

Caroline Douglass	Environment Agency
Cllr Loic Rich	Cornwall Council and representative of the LGA Net Zero Board
Hilary Tanner	Local Government Association

#### 1. Apologies and Welcome

Apologies were received from Sadie Morgan and Andy Green.

#### 2. External panel session on Flood Infrastructure Delivery

- 2.1. The Chair welcomed Caroline Douglass (CD) and Cllr Loic Rich (LR) to the meeting for the external panel session on Flood Infrastructure Delivery.
- 2.2. JH opened the session and invited CD and LR to reflect on the flood risk landscape and the extent to which central government is taking the right approach to understanding and mitigating the risk of flooding.
- 2.3. The discussion was then opened to Commissioners for a discussion on the key issues.
- 2.4. The Chair thanked CD and LR for joining the panel session.

### **3. Minutes and actions**

- 3.1. The minutes of the 26 April meeting were approved as an accurate record.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

- 4.1. There were no declarations of interest.

### **5. Chair's update**

- 5.1. The Chair provided an update on activity since the last meeting including a meeting with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.
- 5.2. Commissioners provided an update on their recent activity.

### **6. Chief Executive's update**

- 6.1. The Chair invited JH to provide an update on recent activity.
- 6.2. JH provided an update on recent meetings to discuss the Infrastructure Progress Review 2024 (IPR24). The report is to be published on 16 May 2024.

### **7. Distribution study: progress update**

- 7.1. The Chair welcomed TH to the meeting to present an update on progress on the Commission's distribution study, noting that the study's scope has been defined and the call for evidence has closed.
- 7.2. Commissioners discussed the progress update.
- 7.3. The Chair thanked TH for the update.

### **8. NIA2 engagement update**

- 8.1. The Chair invited BW and RB to present an update on NIA2 engagement. RB provided an update on the latest round of stakeholder survey results and BW provided an overview of engagement activity.
- 8.2. The Chair thanked RB and BW for the update.

## **9. Connected and Autonomous Mobility study update**

9.1. The Chair welcomed BMc and GMc to provide an update on the Commission's Connected and Autonomous Mobility (CAM) study.

9.2. The Commission discussed the study and provided feedback.

9.3. The Commission agreed to delegate sign off the interim report or update to the lead Commissioners.

## **10. AOB**