

MINUTES

Meeting: Commission Meeting

Date: 24th July 2024

Time: 13:00pm

Place: NIC Leeds office, Pen-y-Ghent, 2 Whitehall Quay, LS1 4HR and Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Commission Members:

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

Secretariat:

James Heath	(Chief Executive)
Jen Coe	(Director of Policy)
Jonny Saks	(Chief Economist)
Margaret Read	(Director of Policy)
	(Chief Operating Officer)
	(Head of Communications)
	(Executive Assistant - secretariat)
	(Deputy Director)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)

Other attendees:

Tracy Brabin	Mayor, West Yorkshire
Mike Hawking	Chief of Staff, Mayor of West Yorkshire
Helen Ellerton	Head of Transport Policy, West Yorkshire Combined Authority

1. Apologies and Welcome

1.1. Apologies were received from Neale Coleman CBE.

2. Minutes and actions

2.1. BW provided an update on arrangements for the next Commission meeting in September.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1. There were no new declarations of interest.

4. Chair update

4.1. The Chair provided an update on activity since the last meeting including a roundtable with the new Chancellor on infrastructure strategy and delivery.

4.2. Commissioners provided an update on their recent activity.

5. Chief Executive update

5.1. The Chair invited JH to provide an update on recent activity.

5.2. JH provided an update on recent meetings.

6. External panel session – Mayor, West Yorkshire and team

6.1. The Chair welcomed Tracy Brabin (TB), Mike Hawking (MH) and Helen Ellerton (HE) for the session on West Yorkshire’s mass transit and wider infrastructure plans, and invited them to present.

6.2. The discussion was then opened to Commissioners and the panel.

6.3. The Chair thanked TB, MH and HE for joining the session.

7. Resilience project post-NIA2 – update and next steps

7.1. The Chair welcomed EB to the meeting to present an update on the progress with the resilience standards work.

7.2. EB outlined the key themes of the project from inception to current proposals and asked for views from Commissioners on the proposed outputs.

7.3. The Commission discussed the outputs from the resilience standards work.

7.4. The Chair thanked EB for the paper. Commissioners agreed that the final outputs be returned for sign-off after feedback addressed.

8. Household energy costs update

8.1. The Chair welcomed JP to the meeting to present an update on the household energy costs work.

9. AOB

9.1. BW agreed to update Commissioners as soon as possible for arrangements in Birmingham in September. It was confirmed there would be no Commission meeting in August.