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Meeting: Commission Meeting

Date: 24 April 2024

Time: 13:00pm

Place: 9th 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)
Professor Sadie Morgan OBE	(Commissioner)
Dr Michèle Dix CBE	(Commissioner)
Professor Sir Tim Besley	(Commissioner)
Andy Green CBE	(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)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)
	(Assistant Director)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)
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	(Policy Adviser)
	(Executive Assistant)

Other attendees:

Beth Russell	Second Permanent Secretary, HMT
Stuart Glassborow	Director, HMT

1. Apologies and Welcome

1.1 Apologies were received from Nick Winser.

2 Minutes and actions

2.1 The minutes of the 20 March meeting were approved as an accurate record.

3 Declarations of Interest

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4 Chair's update

4.1 The Chair provided an update on activity since the last meeting including a meeting with the National Grid ESO, UK Infrastructure Bank and the Railway Industry Association.

4.2 Commissioners provided an update on their recent activity.

5 Chief Executive's update

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

5.2 JH provided an update on a presentation to the Homes England Board and meetings with Network Rail.

5.3 JH provided an update on the future London office location.

6 External speakers – Beth Russell and Stuart Glassborow

6.1 The Chair welcomed BR and SG to the meeting to discuss NIA2 recommendations and the upcoming publication of IPR24.

6.2 Commissioners discussed NIA2 recommendations and the IPR24.

6.3 The Chair thanked BR and SG for joining the meeting.

7 Rail enhancements in the North and Midlands

7.1 The Chair invited CW to present the paper which sets out the final conclusions of the work on rail enhancements in the North and Midlands for inclusion in the IPR24.

7.2 Commissioners provided feedback on the paper and approved it.

7.3 CW thanked Commissioners for their feedback.

8 Infrastructure Progress Review 2024 (IPR24)

8.1 The Chair welcomed JC and EB to the meeting to provide an update on IPR24. Commissioners were asked to provide comments on the draft and provide sign-off.

8.2 The Commission signed off the IPR24, subject to agreed amendments.

9 Infrastructure cost project

9.1 The Chair welcomed AIS, CW and CD to join the meeting to provide an update on the project and next steps.

9.2 Commissioners provided feedback on the paper.

10 AOB

10.1 Commissioners noted the NIC Design Group's project level design principles guidance, due for publication in May with a launch event at UKREIIF in Leeds.

10.2 No AOB was raised.