

## MINUTES

**Meeting: Commission Meeting (Public Version)**

**Date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

**Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm**

**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)
Julia Prescott	(Commissioner)
Bridget Rosewell CBE	(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)	
Mark Ardron	(Chief Operating Officer)	
	(Secretary & Head of Private Office)	
	(Head of Communications)	
Sir Charles Roxburgh	(Second Permanent Secretary, HMT)	(Item 4)
Ann Zhang	(Chair of the YPP)	(Item 6)
Will Garton	(External Speaker Director General,DLUHC)	(Item 7)
	Head of Economic Analysis	(Item 9)

#### Apologies:

Professor Sadie Morgan OBE	(Commissioner)
Kate Willard OBE	(Commissioner)

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

- 1.1 Sir John Armitt (JA) opened the meeting of the Commission welcoming all in attendance and noting the apologies from both Sadie Morgan and Kate Willard.

## **2 Minutes and matters arising**

- 2.1 The minutes and action log of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Commission meeting was reviewed and approved by all those in attendance.

## **3 Declarations of Interest**

- 3.1 Bridget Rosewell (BR) advised the Commissioners that she had been appointed as the Chair of the Audit Risk and Assurance Committee at the UK Infrastructure Bank (UKIB), this was noted by the Commissioners.
- 3.2 JA advised the Commissioners that he had stepped down from the UK Infrastructure Exports board which was noted by the Commissioners.
- 3.3 No further declarations of interest were declared.

## **4 Second Permanent Secretary of HMT**

- 4.1 JA welcomed Charles Roxburgh (CR), Second Permanent Secretary to the meeting and thanked him for his support to the Commissioners while in post.
- 4.2 CR gave a short speech thanking Commissioners past and present for supporting the future of infrastructure for the country and providing advice and guidance on infrastructure policy.
- 4.3 JR thanked CR for attending and wished him well for future opportunities along with the rest of the Commissioners.

## **5 Chair's and Chief Executive's update**

- 5.1 JA opened his update by presenting his stakeholder engagements since the previous meeting which was noted by Commissioners.
- 5.2 JA updated on the recent Commission visit to Manchester to discuss work for the second National Infrastructure Assessment. This included meetings with the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham and officials of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and a roundtable with local stakeholders that considered local priorities for infrastructure policy and investment.
- 5.3 James Heath (JH) opened his update by presenting his stakeholder engagements since the previous meeting which was noted by Commissioners.

5.4 JH also updated Commissioners on discussions with HM Treasury regarding potential options for the next study.

5.5 Julia Prescott (JP) and Jim Hall (JHA) both updated the Commission on a recent UK Infrastructure Summit regarding the UK's response to rebuilding Ukraine.

5.6 Commissioners provided an update on their recent stakeholder engagements.

## **6 Young Professionals Panel (YPP) – Update**

6.1 JA welcomed Ann Zhang (AZ) as Chair of the YPP who presented their update report to the Commissioners providing progress to date. AZ then set out the proposed workplan for the YPP for the remainder of its tenure to July 2023 including proposed roundtables on various infrastructure themes.

6.2 AZ thanked the Commissioners for their views and looked forward to engaging with them as the roundtables are setup.

**Decision: Commissioners agreed to be included in the roundtables.**

## **7 External Speaker – Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**

7.1 JA welcomed Will Garton (WG) to the meeting to discuss the progress of policy within the department and the approach to funding local infrastructure.

**Decision: Commissioners agreed that the NIC should continue to collaborate with the department.**

## **8 Introduction to the fiscal and economic remits, and associated challenges arising in the second Assessment**

8.1 JA welcomed HoEA who presented a paper to the Commissioners about the possible future trends in government and household spending on infrastructure, highlighting areas of pressure and some choices the Commission may face in the second Assessment.

## **9 AOB**

9.1 No other business was discussed.

9.2 JA thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

## **End of Meeting**