

## MINUTES

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

**Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 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)
Neale Coleman CBE	(Commissioner)
Andy Green CBE	(Commissioner)
Professor Sadie Morgan	(Commissioner)
Professor Jim Hall	(Commissioner)
Julia Prescott	(Commissioner)
Kate Willard OBE	(Commissioner)
Nick Winser CBE	(Commissioner)

#### Secretariat:

James Heath	(Chief Executive)	
James Richardson	(Chief Economist)	
Hannah Brown	(Director of Policy)	
Mark Ardron	(Chief Operating Officer)	
	(Secretary & Head of Private Office)	
	(Head of Communications)	
	(Apprentice Economist)	(Item 6)
	(Senior Economic Advisor)	(Item 6)
	(Senior Policy Advisor)	(Item 7)
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 8)
	(Policy Advisor)	(Item 8)
	(Senior Policy Advisor)	(Item 8)
	(Assistant Director)	(Item 9)
	(Senior Policy Advisor)	(Item 9)
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#### Apologies:

Professor Sir Tim Besley	(Commissioner)
Bridget Rosewell CBE	(Commissioner)

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 Sir John Armit (JA) opened the meeting of the Commission welcoming all in attendance and noting the apologies from both Bridget Rosewell and Prof Sir Tim Beasley.
- 1.2 JA also welcomed Nick Winser (NW) to his first Commission meeting as Commissioner, also Jim Hall (JH) and Kate Willard (KW) on their first formal meeting as Commissioners.

## 2 Minutes and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes and action log of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Commission meeting was reviewed and approved by all those in attendance.

## 3 Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 Neale Coleman (NC) advised the Commission that he had been asked to be Chair of the Future of Westminster group, this was noted by the Secretary.
- 3.2 No further declarations of interest were declared.

## 4 Chair's update

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

## 5 CEO's update

- 5.1 James Heath (JH) opened his update by presenting his stakeholder engagements since the previous meeting which was noted by Commissioners.
- 5.2 JH also updated Commissioners on key developments since the last meeting:
  - Planned publication of the Managing Uncertainty paper that was due to be published the following day.

## 6 Quality of Life Discussion Paper

- 6.1 JA welcomed the team who presented the paper to the Commission for approval of the discussion paper's headlines. They ran through the outline of the paper advising the Commission of the proposed aim which was to set out the Commission's interpretation of its quality of life objective and to provide an approach to measuring it and its key findings with a copy of the executive summary included.

**Decision: The Commissioners agreed to sign off the executive summary the report, and delegated sign off of the full report to the Chair.**

## 7 Carbon capture and storage (CCS)

7.1 JA welcomed the team who presented the paper which set out the key issues and the problem definition that would frame the NIA2 project on CCS. . It also set out the proposed scope and objectives for the project for the Commissioners to approve, which focused on the transmission and storage components of carbon capture and storage, including consideration on how the sector could develop beyond the current clusters plans, and how to ensure that availability of transmission and storage doesn't hamper efforts to decarbonise.

**DECISION: The Commissioners approved the objectives and scope of the project.**

## 8 Urban transport project – interim report

8.1 JA welcomed the team who presented the paper and draft executive summary to the Commissioners for approval, reminding Commissioners of the objectives of the interim report which was to set out the Commission's distinctive take on the role of cities and urban transport in levelling up, test the proposed methodology and instigate debate on the issues raised which would be taken into account for the rest of the project.

**DECISION: The Commissioners approved the executive summary and delegated sign-off of the full report to lead Commissioners and Chair.**

## 9 Surface Water Flooding Study Update

9.1 JA welcomed the team to present an update paper to the Commissioners which asked for the Commission's views on issues to consider when developing options to reform governance and on flood protection outcomes.

**DECISION: The Commissioners agreed with the approach being taken.**

## 10 AOB

10.1 **NIA2 Call For Evidence Report** – The report was presented to the Commissioners and was noted ahead of its publication.

10.2 **NIC Regional Engagement Visits** – Commissioners were updated on the upcoming visits to different regions across the country to which they would be attending to engage with the relevant local authority administrations and stakeholder groups.

10.3 **Design Group** – SM updated the Commissioners on the recent successful interview to appoint a new member of the group to cover decarbonisation. .

10.4 JA thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

**End of Meeting**