

## MINUTES

**Meeting: Commission Meeting**

**Date: 13 December 2023**

**Time: 13:00pm**

**Place: Aire Room, One Embankment, Leeds and Microsoft Teams Meeting**

### Attendees

#### Commission Members:

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

#### Secretariat:

James Heath	(Chief Executive)
Margaret Read	(Director of Policy)
Hannah Brown	(Director of Policy)
Jen Coe	(Director of Policy)
Jonny Saks	(Chief Economist)
	(Chief Operating Officer)
	(Head of Communications)
	(Head of Governance)
	(Senior Policy Adviser)
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### 1. Apologies and Welcome

1.1 Apologies were received from Neale Coleman.

### 2 Minutes and actions

2.1 The minutes of the 15 November meeting were approved as an accurate record subject to minor amendments in the Welcome section.

### 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.

4.2 The Chair updated on the Transport Select Committee appearance in which the NIC gave evidence on strategic transport. The NIC also gave evidence to the Lords Industry and Regulators Committee Inquiry into the role of regulators.

4.3 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, which included c.120 senior level stakeholder meetings since the publication of NIA2.

#### **6 Commission Effectiveness Review**

6.1 The Chair opened the discussion noting that the paper sets out a proposal to conduct an external Board Effectiveness Review (BER).

6.2 Commissioners agreed that a BER should be conducted and provided feedback on what should be included in the scope.

#### **7 Electricity distribution networks study**

7.1 The Chair invited LW and DP to the meeting to present a paper setting out an overview of the plan and next steps for the distribution networks study which was announced at the Autumn Statement.

7.2 DP provided a 'teach-in' on aspects of the distribution network.

7.3 Commissioners discussed the scope of the study.

7.4 The Commission noted the draft Terms of Reference for the study and delegated the sign off of the call for evidence document to the lead Commissioners.

#### **8 Connected and automated mobility study**

8.1 The Chair invited HH to present a paper on the high-level approach for the study into connected and automated mobility, and the initial steps which the Commission should take to begin its work.

8.2 Commissioners provided feedback on the study.

#### **9 Business models**

9.1 LS presented a paper providing an overview of the state of play on the key issues and an assessment of government progress in developing infrastructure business models relevant to the recommendations made in NIA2.

9.2 The Commission discussed the paper.

**10 AOB**

10.1 No AOB was raised.