

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL

14:00 - 15:00, Thursday 28th April 2022

Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Council members:

Paul Clarke	Formerly Ocado
Rachel Dunscombe	NHS Digital Academy
Tabitha Goldstaub	AI Council Chair
Professor Dame Wendy Hall	UK AI Skills Champion
Dame Patricia Hodgson	Formerly Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation
Lila Ibrahim	Deepmind
Professor Nick Jennings	Loughborough University
Adrian Joseph	BT Group
Priya Lakhani	CENTURY Tech
Professor Neil Lawrence	University of Cambridge
Professor Máire O'Neill	Queen's University Belfast

Observers:

Professor Tom Rodden	Chief Scientific Advisor, DCMS
Ottoline Leyser	Chief Executive, UKRI

Officials:

Blake Bower	Director, Digital and Tech Policy, DCMS
Claire Chapman	Office for AI
Lizzie Greenhalgh	Deputy Director, Digital Regulation & AI, DCMS
Geoff Johnston	Office for AI
Nick Swanson	Office for AI

Apologies:

Professor Chris Bishop	Microsoft Research Lab
Professor Pete Burnap	Cardiff University
Ann Cairns	Mastercard
Dr Claire Craig	The Queen's College, Oxford
Professor David Lane	Edinburgh Centre for Robotics
Professor Sir Adrian Smith	The Alan Turing Institute
Martin Tisné	Luminate
Professor Sir Mark Walport	Formerly UKRI and Government CSA
Marc Warner	Faculty

Introduction

- The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies for absence had been received from Adrian Smith, Claire Craig, Chris Bishop, David Lane, Pete Burnap, Ann Cairns, Mark Walport, Marc Warner and Martin Tisné.

Item 1: AI Action Plan

- The Chair gave a summary of the informal meeting of April 8th, where the Council discussed the AI Action Plan (“the Plan”).
- Members noted that the Plan’s monitoring framework could include published reasoning behind the high-level indicators proposed to measure the impact of the National AI Strategy.
- Members suggested that the Plan include spotlights on certain areas of AI application, such as education, to highlight action in areas of public interest.
- Members also queried whether the Plan could set out a Call to Action, and noted that it should become a living document. Members suggested whether greater granularity would be possible in articulating progress of National AI Strategy actions through the Plan.

Item 2: AI Governance

- The Deputy Director for Digital Regulation and AI and the Head of AI Governance gave an update on the current direction of the AI Governance Policy and AI Governance White Paper. The government has committed to driving growth and innovation through our approach to regulating AI, while also protecting the public and safeguarding our fundamental values.
- Officials invited views on the government’s emerging approach to AI governance, including the scope of their framework, their assessment of the existing landscape and opportunities to improve regulatory coherence.
- Members were supportive of the direction. They noted that government should seek to create a risk appetite that will encourage innovation and remain flexible.
- Members commented on the importance of the UK should ensuring coherence between AI governance and wider digital regulation, such as the ongoing work to reform our data protection regime.
- Members also noted that regulatory coordination will be critical given the range of regulators with an interest and the likelihood of overlaps and interactions between their remits.
- The Chair concluded the meeting and thanked officials and Council members for their attendance.