

# Meeting summary: 12 and 13 September 2018

## Attendees

Patrick Vallance, Nancy Rothwell, Philip Bond, Keith Burnett, Suranga Chandratillake, Anne Glover, Julia Goodfellow (Day 2), Robert Lechler, Ottoline Leyser, Max Lu, Dervilla Mitchell, Fiona Murray, Colin Smith, Joyce Tait, Mark Walport, David Cannadine (dinner only)

## Apologies

Gareth Davies, Ann Dowling, Paul Golby, Mike Lynch, Venki Ramakrishnan, Charles Roxburgh, Nick Stern

#### Guests

Jonathan Slater, Joanna Mackie, David Halpern, Matthew Gould, Nick Starkey, Helen Ewles, Minister Sam Gyimah, Rannia Leontaridi, Sam Lister, Rosalind Wall, Minister Robert Jenrick (dinner)

#### Day 1

The chair welcomed Maria Teneke who joins the Secretariat at the end of the month.

The chair welcomed Jonathan Slater (Permanent Secretary) and Joanna Mackie Deputy Director for (STEAM) from the Department for Education (DfE) to discuss DfE's priorities and the council's recent work considering breadth of education at post-16 level.

David Halpern, Chief Executive of the Behavioural Insights Team (BIT), gave an overview of BIT and how it can help design policy and practice around more sophisticated models of human behavior.

Robert Jenrick, Minister for the Exchequer, joined the discussion to introduce his current priorities, including smarter regulation, public trust, infrastructure investment and the role of immigration.

## Day 2

The chair welcomed Nick Starkey and Helen Ewles from the Royal Academy of Engineering (RAEng) to provide an update on their report on industrial R&D across private and publicly owned engineering businesses involved in service provision or product development.

Sam Gyimah, Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, joined the meeting to discuss his current priorities, focusing on R&D spending, tech

investment in the UK, capturing value from the UK's existing research and the importance of developing industrial strategy missions to support these priorities.

Sam Lister and Rosalind Wall from BEIS presented a summary of work on missions linked to the industrial strategy, which are designed to be strategic, long-term endeavors with ambitious goals.

Rannia Leontaridi, Director of Business Enterprise, BEIS, gave an update of the findings of the recent call for evidence to understand what can be done at the level of individual businesses to improve levels of productivity.

Philip Bond and Max Lu provided an update on progress with the project exploring technology for learning, identifying several areas where CST might offer advice.

Matthew Gould, Director General for Digital and Media policy in the Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) introduced DCMS' current activity on digital and data policy.