

Acceleration Unit – Expert Panel Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Acceleration Unit Expert Panel is an external advisory board. The panel will provide independent, objective and impartial advice on the work of the Acceleration Unit in speeding up the delivery of key projects with a focus on transport decarbonisation, and national ‘levelling up’.

The panel will not have any decision-making powers and will exist alongside other groups in this space including the Science Advisory Council, Net Zero Transport Board, the Clean Maritime Council and Future of Transport business advisory panel.

The role of the panel will be assessed and iterated following the delivery of the first round of accelerated projects.

Objectives

The objectives of the panel are to:

- a) provide advice during the development of the Acceleration Unit;
- b) provide more general advice on project delivery, particularly about longer-term behavioural changes needed to achieve best practice;
- c) provide constructive challenge to, and identify cross-cutting risks/opportunities across, the Acceleration Unit’s workstreams; and
- d) reinforce the link between government, industry, academia and the wider public.

Membership

The panel may include up to 15 external members with significant expertise gained from careers in industry, academia, professional institutions, societies or charities. Members will be drawn from across different modes of transport and wider industry, as well as behavioural insights, technology, finance and policy. Invitees to individual meetings will be drawn from this group, depending on the topic.

Members of the expert panel are expected to commit for at least one year. Should any member be unable to honour the minimum period or be unable to attend meetings, they should discuss with the secretariat. Every member of the panel will not be invited to attend each meeting.

The secretariat will regularly review the balance of skills, expertise and experience contributed to the panel to ensure these meet current and future needs and priorities of the Acceleration Unit.

Other experts on specific topics may be invited to individual meetings.