

Meeting summary: 5 and 6 December 2018

Attended: Patrick Vallance, Nancy Rothwell, Philip Bond, David Cannadine (Day 2), Suranga Chandratillake, Anne Glover, Julia Goodfellow (Day 1), Robert Lechler, Ottoline Leyser, Max Lu, Fiona Murray, Venki Ramakrishnan, Colin Smith (Day 1), Nick Stern, Joyce Tait, Jon Sell

Apologies: Keith Burnett, Dervilla Mitchell, Paul Golby, Ann Dowling, Gareth Davies, Mark Walport

Guests: Greg Falconer, Colin Mayer, Paul Clarke, Peter Bazalgette and Thomas Rodden

Day 1

1. Greg Falconer, Deputy Director, Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, gave an update on development of policies to support the Government's ambition of increasing R&D investment to 2.4% of GDP.
2. CST welcomed Paul Clarke, Chief Technology Officer, Ocado for a discussion on skills, productivity and innovative industries, opportunities from harnessing the potential of disruptive technologies and suggestions for government action to help realise these opportunities.
3. Sir Peter Bazalgette, Chair of ITV, and Professor Thomas Rodden, Professor of Computing at University of Nottingham, joined CST to discuss research, innovation and skills in the digital and creative industries.

Day 2

4. The Chair welcomed Professor Colin Mayer, Saïd Business School, Oxford for a discussion on the British Academy's work on the future of the corporation.
5. Members received an update from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on their approach to identifying future sectors and technologies.
6. CST members reviewed the impact of recent advice including letters on governance of innovative technologies and on international research and innovation collaboration. They discussed areas for future advice.