

Meeting summary: 19 and 20 June 2019

Attended: Patrick Vallance, Nancy Rothwell, Philip Bond, Keith Burnett, Suranga Chandratillake, Ann Dowling, Anne Glover, Julia Goodfellow, Paul Golby, Colin Smith, Sam Lister, Ottoline Leyser, Max Lu, Fiona Murray, Dervilla Mitchell, Venki Ramakrishnan, Nick Stern, Joyce Tait, Mark Walport, David Cannadine (Day 2), Philip Duffy (Day 1).

Apologies: Robert Lechler, Rupert Lewis, Charles Roxburgh

Guests: Minister Chris Skidmore, Sir Mark Sedwill, Cabinet Secretary; Mike Short, CSA for Department for International Trade; Paul Kett, Director General, Department for Education; Professor Richard Jones, Chair of Technical Advisory Group, Research England and Dr David Sweeney, Executive Chair, Research England.

Day 1

- CST members discussed government priorities in science, research innovation and technology with the Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, Chris Skidmore, including the government's ambition for increasing investment in R&D to 2.4% of GDP and the target of achieving net zero emissions by 2050.
- 2. Dr Mike Short, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Department for International Trade (DIT), gave an update to CST members on key DIT priorities and discussed the international research and innovation strategy.
- 3. CST discussed current government priorities and issues to inform the CST forward work plan with the Cabinet Secretary, Mark Sedwill.

Day 2

4. Members discussed progress with current work projects and plans for future work.

- 5. Paul Kett, Director General at the Department for Education, updated CST on the government strategy for STEM and skills for the future workforce.
- 6. Professor Richard Jones and Dr David Sweeney introduced the Knowledge Exchange Framework and discussed the role of universities in promoting economic and societal impacts from science and technology research.

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