



PRIME MINISTER'S COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

VIRTUAL MEETING 9 and 10 September 2020: Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Patrick Vallance, Nancy Rothwell, Paul Newman, Robert Lechler (Day 1 only), Suranga Chandratillake, Chris Bishop, Paul Stein, Max Lu, Muffy Calder, Josh Fleming, Jim Hall, Saul Klein (Day 2 only), Jim McDonald, Dervilla Mitchell, Julia Black, Ottoline Leyser, Venki Ramakrishnan, Philip Bond, David Cannadine (Day 1 only), Nick Stern (Day 2 only), Fiona Murray, Brooke Rogers, Jo Shanmugalingam.

Apologies:

Charles Roxburgh

Guests:

Christina Scott, Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy Beijing and Sam MacKay, Science and Innovation Counsellor, British Embassy Beijing.

Harriet Wallace, Director, International Science and Innovation Directorate, Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and Tom Child, Deputy Director for Global Science and Innovation, BEIS.

Professor Sir Peter Gregson, Vice-Chancellor, Cranfield University, and Shahid Omer, Deputy Director for International, Department for Education (DfE)

Professor Anthony Finkelstein, Chief Scientific Adviser on National Security

Professor Dame Kay Davies, Dr Lee's Professor of Anatomy at the University of Oxford

Day 1

1. Members noted the publication of the [Prime Minister's response to the Council's advice on achieving net zero carbon emissions through a whole systems approach](#) and to the Council's advice on [principles for 'moon-shots'](#).
2. Members received updates on development of the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy and on the [UK research and development roadmap](#).
3. Members discussed progress with current work to develop advice on the role of science and technology for a more sustainable health system, for levelling up and for improving educational outcomes.

Day 2

4. Members discussed developments in the UK's international collaboration in science and technology. Christina Scott, Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy Beijing presented an update on science and innovation partnerships with China. Harriet Wallace, Director, International Science and Innovation Directorate, Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) provided an update on international research and innovation collaboration. Professor Peter Gregson, Vice-Chancellor of Cranfield University presented the new Universities UK guidance on "managing risk in internationalisation: security issues in higher education".
5. Members received an update from Professor Anthony Finkelstein, Chief Scientific Adviser for National Security.
6. Professor Dame Kay Davies, Dr Lee's Professor of Anatomy at the University of Oxford, presented the work of the [International Commission on Heritable Human Genome Editing](#). Members welcomed the recommendations.
7. The Chair thanked Sir Venki Ramakrishnan for his contribution to CST. Sir Venki's term as President of the Royal Society concludes this autumn.

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