

Minutes of 7 Sept 2020 Committee meeting (public)

Attendees	
The Committee Stephen Gibson (SG) – Interim Chair (Chair) Jonathan Cave (JC) Laura Cox (LC) Sheila Drew Smith (SDS) Jeremy Mayhew (JM) Andrew Williams-Fry (AWF)	RPC Secretariat Stuart Sarson – Head of Secretariat (HoS) RPC Secretariat Officials BRE Chris Carr (CC) – Director of Better Regulation Executive BRE officials Department for Transport officials
Apologies Brian Morgan (BM)	

A. Introduction and matters arising

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Brian Morgan.
2. The minutes of the July Committee Meeting were agreed, subject to deletion of references to the new casework database from Paragraph 23.
3. **Register of Interests:** No new interests were declared.
4. **Gifts and Hospitality Register** – There was no declaration of any gifts and hospitality received since the July Meeting.

B. BRE Update
BIT Review

5. BRE provided an update on the current situation regarding the setting of a Business Impact Target (BIT) for the new Parliament and the proposed review of the Better Regulation Framework.

C. MSG Update

6. AWF provide an update on the most recent MSG meeting including:
 - **Innovation pilot** – This had been successfully concluded but there was more work to do to take account of the effect of innovation on regulation and how can be made more real and applied in the Scrutiny of IAs.
 - **Rationale for intervention** – A good first draft expanding on what a good rationale looks like has been prepared, which recognises that, alongside market failure, there are other legitimate reasons for intervention. MSG meeting in October will consider further.

D. UK and International updates
Meeting with Lord Callanan

7. The Chair reported that he had a positive meeting with Lord Callanan.

Meeting with MHCLG Chief Economist

8. AWF and JC met the MHCLG Chief Economist. MHCLG outlined their areas of responsibility and how they interact with the Better Regulation Framework. RPC encouraged submission of IAs at consultation stage and MHCLG said it was their aim to do this.

E. Department for Transport - Changes to Transport Analysis Guidance (TAG)

9. DfT provide an explanation on the purpose, nature and the use of TAG which is one of the key tools used in DfT for modelling the impact of policies on the economy, environment, and society. It sets out those impacts which can be monetised, and which cannot be robustly valued. This is used in evaluating all their proposals and projects. It is regularly updated and shared with other government departments. Further work is going to be undertaken to strengthen the uncertainty analysis, optimism bias etc. Things are constantly changing, and TAG tries to reflect this.
10. The committee welcomed the presentation as it provided greater assurance on the data being used in IAs.

F. AOB