

# Energy Innovation Board

## Summary note

7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Attendees

**Board members & alternates:** Interim Government Chief Scientific Adviser (Chair); CSA, DfT; Chief Scientific Adviser, DEFRA; Director Science and Innovation, BEIS; BEIS; Head of Energy, Innovate UK; CEO Energy, Atkins (Independent Board member); DFID; Ofgem; EPSRC.

**Observers:** EIB Secretariat; HMT; GO-Science; Welsh Government; Scottish Government.

### Agenda

#### **Thematic Review on Transport**

DfT offered a paper and presentation to the Board, reviewing the issues, needs and opportunities around the Transport sector. The Transport Thematic Review was recognised as an important piece of work since the joining-up between energy and transport was crucial and the Review could help identify areas for future potential research.

Responsibility for energy in transport sits largely with BEIS and DfT, with the joint Office for Low Emission Vehicles as lead in low carbon vehicles. The Clean Growth Plan focused on reducing carbon from road transport. Whilst this is the biggest polluter, domestic shipping and aviation also required funding to reduce the carbon impact on the environment.

During discussion it was noted that there is no universal access in relation to charging points for electric vehicles. On hydrogen, the Board agreed that this was an area the UK could aim to take a lead in, but it required a more joined-up approach across government. The Faraday Institute was flagged as an example of conducting research in a strategic way and how initial results can lead to commercialisation.

The Board asked for the theme to be revisited at a future meeting.

#### **Forward Plan for the Board**

The Board agreed the forward look of thematic reviews as the main agenda item in subsequent meetings and discussed what should come next for these. It was agreed that the review process should be revisited in a few meetings time.

The Board also considered the structure of the Board's Sub-Committee as this needs to be correct to allow for streamlining of roles between it and the main Board.

#### **AOB**

None.