

## Energy Innovation Board Summary Note

13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Attendees

*(Only Senior Civil Servants named)*

**Board members & alternates:** **Patrick Vallance**, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Chair; **Julian Critchlow**, BEIS Director General Energy Transformation and Clean Growth; **Paul Monks**, BEIS Chief Scientific Advisor; **Phil Blythe**, DfT Chief Scientific Advisor; **Charlotte Watts**, DFID Chief Scientific Advisor; **Gideon Henderson**, DEFRA Chief Scientific Advisor; **Alan Penn**, MHCLG Chief Scientific Advisor; **Damitha Adikaari**, BEIS Director Science & Innovation for Climate & Energy; **Ian Meikle**, Innovate UK Director of Infrastructure Systems; **Lynn Gladden**, EPSRC Chief Executive; **Duncan Wingham**, NERC Chief Executive; **Akshay Kaul**, Ofgem Networks Director; **Ian Simm**, Impax Asset Management Group Chief Executive; **Jo Coleman**, Shell UK Energy Transition Manager.

**Observers:** EIB Secretariat; DFID Senior Energy Innovation Advisor; **Owen Jackson**, GO-Science Deputy Director; HMT; Ofgem; **Alexandra Jones**, BEIS Director Science, Research & Innovation; **Ron Loveland**, Welsh Government; **Craig Frew**, Scottish Government; Northern Ireland Government.

### Agenda

#### **Spending Review update**

The Chair thanked members for their responses to his letter requesting Spending Review R&D bid summary information relating to delivering net zero. The Board reviewed the overall bids and noted the good level of joint working already between Board members on these. The Board considered how the information could assist with its oversight role should further prioritisation or trade-offs be required.

#### **Net Zero R&D Delivery Plan**

The Board received an update on the drafting of the UK Net Zero R&D Delivery Plan. The Board recommended that the plan should take a systems approach, considered international research and development efforts and consider aspects of behaviour change related to the technology innovation. The Board agreed the general direction of the plan and requested a further update at the next meeting.

#### **Ofgem Innovation Funding**

The Board received an update from Ofgem on their Strategic Innovation Fund and plans for closer co-operation and alignment with relevant Government research and innovation programmes. The Board welcomed the proposals and agreed that further cooperation should continue.

#### **AOB**

None.