

# Net Zero Innovation Board

## SUMMARY MINUTES

28<sup>TH</sup> February 2023

### Attendees

*(Only Senior Civil Servants named)*

**Board members & alternates:** **Patrick Vallance**, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Chair; **Paul Monks**, DESNZ Chief Scientific Adviser; **Gideon Henderson**, DEFRA Chief Scientific Adviser; **Sarah Sharples**, DfT Chief Scientific Adviser; **Damitha Adikaari**, DESNZ Director for Science & Innovation for Climate & Energy; **Ian Meikle**, Innovate UK Director Clean Growth and Infrastructure; **Lynn Gladden**, EPSRC Chief Executive; **Duncan Wingham**, NERC Chief Executive; **Ian Simm**, Impax Asset Management Group Chief Executive; **Philip Taylor**, University of Bristol Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research and Enterprise; **Beverley Gower-Jones**, Clean Growth Fund Managing Partner; FCDO official (deputising for Charlotte Watts, Chief Scientific Adviser); DSIT official (deputising for Alexandra Jones, Director for Science, Research and Innovation).

**Devolved Administrations:** **Ron Loveland**, Welsh Government; **Richard Rodgers**, Northern Ireland.

**Others:** **Simon Whitfield**, Go-Science Deputy Director for Climate, Society and International; **Amy Jenkins**, DESNZ Deputy Director for Clean Growth.

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#### Net Zero Review and NAO Recommendations

The Secretariat gave an overview of the R&D recommendations from the Net Zero Review and emerging findings from the NAO's review of "Support for innovation to deliver net zero". The Board agreed to discuss the full NAO report at the next Board meeting.

#### Technology Roadmap

The Board received a presentation on the Net Zero Review's recommendation to produce a technology roadmap for developing and deploying R&D and technologies critical for net zero. The Board agreed that a roadmap should be developed and were keen to see a more refined proposal at a future meeting.

#### Green Finance

The Board received a joint presentation from the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero, UKRI, the British Business Bank (BBB) and the UK Infrastructure Bank (UKIB) on the green finance landscape. Overall, the Board welcomed the conversation on green finance and noted the need to consider their role in this space to ensure that the end-to-end innovation lifecycle is supported.

### AOB

None.