

Net Zero Innovation Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

7th September 2022

Attendees

(Only Senior Civil Servants named)

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

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

Secretariat: **Matthew Billson**, BEIS Deputy Director for Science & Innovation for Climate & Energy.

Others: **Simon Whitfield**, GO-Science Deputy Director for Climate, Society and International.

Summary

Delivery Plan

The Board received a presentation on the narrative for supporting innovation as part of the draft Net Zero Research & Innovation Delivery Plan. Overall, the Board supported the narrative and the latest draft, but noted there was a need for greater emphasis on economic growth, energy security and future risk mitigation within the document.

Net Zero Buildings Deep Dive

The Board received a deep-dive presentation on the buildings sector with contributions from BEIS, DLUHC, DIT and UKRI. Overall, the Board welcomed the presentation and emphasised that the UK is in a particular climatic zone, with particular building stock, and therefore solutions need to be crafted to the UK's situation. The Board emphasised the importance of strengthening discussion and alignment between policy and R&I as they are significantly interlinked in the net zero buildings sector.

Net Zero and Green Choices

The Board received a presentation from BEIS' Net Zero Strategy team on the Government's work on net zero and green choices. Overall, the Board welcomed the presentation with departments keen to collaborate, noting the critical role of consumer research and understanding in meeting our net zero target.

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None.