

Net Zero Innovation Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

26th May 2022

Attendees

(Only Senior Civil Servants named)

Board members & alternates: **Patrick Vallance**, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Chair; **Sarah Sharples**, DfT Chief Scientific Adviser; **Damitha Adikaari**, BEIS Director for Science & Innovation for Climate & Energy; **Ian Meikle**, Innovate UK Director for Clean Growth and Infrastructure; **Lynn Gladden**, EPSRC Executive Chair; **Duncan Wingham**, NERC Executive Chair; **Jonathan Hoare**, BEIS Deputy Director for Clean Growth (deputising for Lee McDonough, Director General for Net Zero Strategy & International); **Ian Simm**, Impax Asset Management Group Chief Executive; **Joanna Coleman**, Shell UK Energy Transition Manager.

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

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

Others: **Stephen Belcher**, Met Office Chief Scientific Adviser; **Owen Jackson**, GO-Science Deputy Director for Climate, Society and International.

Summary

Net Zero Strategy policy tools

The Board received a presentation from BEIS' Net Zero Strategy (NZS) team of internal policy tools being developed to support the delivery of the NZS across Government. Overall, the Board welcomed the development of these tools and noted the potential benefit in strengthening the relationship between R&I, policy commitments and delivery.

Transport Deep Dive

The Board received a deep-dive presentation on the transport sector from the Chief Scientific Adviser for DfT, which included input from DfT, BEIS and UKRI. The deep dive emphasised the need for R&D to align with existing and emerging regulation and infrastructure for progress to stay on track within the transport sector. Overall, the Board found the transport deep-dive useful and endorsed this to continue as a rolling series of sector deep-dives.

Net Zero Research & Innovation Delivery Plan

A progress update was provided on the Net Zero Research & Innovation Delivery Plan. Overall, the Board noted the progress and agreed that more was needed on clear targets and milestones to enable it to be an actionable plan.

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None.