

Net Zero Innovation Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

1st March 2022

Attendees

(Only Senior Civil Servants named)

Board members & alternates: **Patrick Vallance**, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Chair; **Paul Monks**, BEIS Chief Scientific Advisor; **Lee McDonough**, BEIS DG Net Zero Strategy & International; **Damitha Adikaari**, BEIS Director Science & Innovation for Climate & Energy; **Ian Meikle**, Innovate UK Director of Infrastructure Systems; **Duncan Wingham**, NERC Chief Executive; **Steven McMahon**, Ofgem Deputy Director; **Sarah Sharples**, DfT; **Lynn Gladden**, Exec Chair UKRI-EPSC; **Ian Simm**, Impax Asset Management Group Chief Executive.

Devolved Administration: **Ron Loveland**, Welsh Government.

Secretariat: **Matthew Billson**, BEIS Deputy Director.

Others: **Owen Jackson**, GO-Science.

Agenda

Net Zero Research & Innovation Delivery Plan

A progress update was provided on the Net Zero Research & Innovation Delivery Plan, which follows on from last year's Net Zero Research & Innovation Framework. Overall, the Board supported progress and suggested including further information on the public sector's role in addressing these R&I challenges.

Cross-HMG Enhanced Portfolio Oversight

The Secretariat outlined a proposal to strengthen the Board's strategic oversight of net zero innovation and its net zero R&D portfolio delivery capacity. The Board supported the overall proposal, whilst flagging the need to be mindful of reporting burdens on teams involved.

Hydrogen Innovation Coordination

BEIS put forward a proposal around hydrogen innovation coordination noting that the quantity of R&I and systems challenges to overcome, as well as a need for industry engagement, make this a priority. The Board supported BEIS taking this forward, ensuring that all relevant departments are engaged.

Recruitment of Independent Board Members

The Chair informed the Board that the Secretariat were about to launch recruitment for two new independent Board members with the aim to appoint them by the end of May.

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None.