

## Net Zero Innovation Board

### SUMMARY MINUTES

31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

#### 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; **Gideon Henderson**, DEFRA Chief Scientific Advisor; **Damitha Adikaari**, BEIS Director SICE; **Lynn Gladden**, UKRI-EPSC Exec Chair; **Ian Meikle**, Innovate UK UKRI; **Steven McMahon**, Ofgem Deputy Director; **Sarah Sharples**, DfT; **Siobhan Campbell**, DfT; **Ian Simm**, Impax Asset Management.

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

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

**Others:** **Owen Jackson**, GO-Science; **Alexandra Jones**, BEIS Director SRI; **Stuart Wainwright**, Go-Science; **Stephen Belcher**, Met Office Chief Scientific Advisor.

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##### **Net Zero Research & Innovation Framework**

The Secretariat provided an update on implementing the Board's feedback on the Net Zero Research & Innovation Framework provided at the last meeting. The Board agreed that this had been addressed and suggested reviewing the document's length and readability, and further developing the process and methodology sections.

##### **Spending Review**

The Board discussed the prospective Net Zero Research and Development (R&D) Spending Review bids and considered the balance of spend between research, development, and demonstration and across different sectors. Overall, the Board supported the need for a strong emphasis on Net Zero R&D at this Spending Review, with the 2020s being a key decade for innovation. The Board agreed it would be useful to discuss prioritisation around specific programmes following the high-level settlement.

##### **A.O.B**

None.