

## Net Zero Innovation Board

### SUMMARY MINUTES

22<sup>nd</sup> June 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; **Charlotte Watts**, DFID Chief Scientific Advisor; **Gideon Henderson**, DEFRA Chief Scientific Advisor; **Alan Penn**, MHCLG Chief Scientific Advisor; **Damitha Adikaari**, BEIS Director Science & Innovation for Climate & Energy; **Ian Meikle**, Innovate UK Director of Infrastructure Systems; **Lynn Gladden**, EPSRC Chief Executive; **Duncan Wingham**, NERC Chief Executive; **Steven McMahon**, Ofgem Deputy Director; **Siobhan Campbell**, DfT; **Jo Coleman**, Shell; **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; **Sarah Honour**, BEIS Head of Climate Science; **Alison Robinson**, UKRI NERC; **Stephen Belcher**, Chief Scientific Advisor Met Office.

#### Agenda

##### **Mission Innovation and Science & Innovation at COP26**

The Board received a presentation on Mission Innovation's (MI) work, including the recent launch of its second phase, and on the science and innovation objectives for COP26, including how these will support the overall COP26 goals. Overall, the Board welcomed the presentation, noting the importance of making links between the UK's national priorities and our international climate objectives.

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

BEIS provided a progress update on the Net Zero Research & Innovation Framework which aims to set out the key domestic net zero research and innovation questions to be addressed in the next 5 – 10 years. The Board expressed their support for this document and highlighted certain areas where additional work should be conducted.

##### **Hydrogen Roadmap**

BEIS provided a presentation on the innovation needs around hydrogen that will be fed into the work of the Hydrogen Advisory Council working group on innovation. The Board welcomed this work and discussed the necessity for early-stage research activity across the 2020s that will need to be drawn through to demonstrations in the 2030s.

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

None.