

Net Zero Innovation Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

30 July 2024

Attendees

(Only Senior Civil Servants named)

Board members & alternates: **Damitha Adikaari**, DESNZ Director for Science & Innovation for Climate & Energy; **Mike Biddle**, Innovate UK Programme Director for Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund; **Beverley Gower-Jones**, Clean Growth Fund Managing Partner; **Gideon Henderson**, Defra Chief Scientific Adviser; **Jason Lowe**, Met Office (deputising for Stephen Belcher, Chief Scientific Adviser); **Paul Monks**, DESNZ Chief Scientific Adviser and NZIB Deputy Chair; **Kedar Pandya**, EPSRC Executive Director for Cross-Council Programmes; **Richard Prager**, MHCLG Chief Scientific Adviser; **Alison Robinson**, NERC (deputising for Louise Heathwaite, Executive Chair); **Sarah Sharples**, DfT Chief Scientific Adviser; **Ian Simm**, Impax Asset Management Group Chief Executive; **Charlotte Watts**, FCDO Chief Scientific Adviser; DBT official (deputising for Julia Sutcliffe, Chief Scientific Adviser).

Devolved Governments: **Ron Loveland**, Welsh Government; **Richard Rodgers**, Northern Ireland Government Head of Energy.

Others: **Soheila Amin-Hanjani**, DESNZ Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser; **Kate Hamer**, NERC Director of Strategy & Analysis; **Peter Mather**, DESNZ Non-Executive Board Member; **Dave Smith**, DSIT National Technology Adviser; **Oliver St John**, DSIT Deputy Director for Innovation; **Simon Whitfield**, Go-Science Deputy Director for Climate, Society and International; **David Woolnough**, FCDO Deputy Director for Research, Tech & Innovation.

Summary

Recommendations for a future HMG Net Zero Research & Innovation Portfolio

This was the first meeting of the Net Zero Innovation Board following the change of government. The Board focused on a strategic review of the government's net zero research and innovation portfolio and discussed plans for future government investment ahead of a Spending Review. The Board agreed principles for guiding the prioritisation of future spending and considered priority areas and the balance of spend between research, development and demonstration across the portfolio. The Board welcomed this work and agreed to continue to collaborate on preparations for a Spending Review.