

Net Zero Innovation Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

2 December 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; **Rhona Glazer-Munck**, DBT (deputising for Julia Sutcliffe, Chief Scientific Adviser); **Beverley Gower-Jones**, Clean Growth Fund Managing Partner; **Kate Hamer**, NERC (deputising for Louise Heathwaite, Executive Chair); **Gideon Henderson**, Defra Chief Scientific Adviser; **Jason Lowe**, Met Office (deputising for Stephen Belcher, Chief Scientific Adviser); **Angela McLean**, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and NZIB Chair; **Paul Monks**, DESNZ Chief Scientific Adviser and NZIB Deputy Chair; **Annette Pass**, DfT (deputising for Sarah Sharples, Chief Scientific Adviser); **Richard Prager**, MHCLG Chief Scientific Adviser; **Ian Simm**, Impax Asset Management Group Chief Executive; **Phil Taylor**, University of Bath Vice-Chancellor; FCDO official (deputising for Charlotte Watts, Chief Scientific Adviser); EPSRC official (deputising for Kedar Pandya, Executive Director for Cross-Council Programmes); DSIT official (deputising for Dave Smith, National Technology Adviser); Ofgem official (deputising for Marzia Zafar, Deputy Director for Strategy & Innovation).

Devolved Administrations: **Richard Rodgers**, Northern Ireland Government Head of Energy.

Others: **Soheila Amin-Hanjani**, DESNZ Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser; **Ted Hayden**, GO-Science Director; **Rob Saunders**, Innovate UK Director for Net Zero Systems Integration; **Simon Whitfield** Go-Science Deputy Director for Climate, Society and International.

Summary

Adapting to the government's mission-driven approach

The Board discussed the importance of research & innovation in supporting both pillars of the government's Clean Energy Superpower Mission and the proposed governance approach for R&D to support the mission.

Spending Review preparations

The Board reflected on outcomes from Phase 1 of the Spending Review and the approach to Phase 2, including developing a shared evidence base for where government investment in research & innovation would be needed to deliver the Clean Energy Superpower Mission.