Department for Transport Science Advisory Council

Meeting minutes

Date	Tuesday 22 September 2026
Time	10:00–16:30
Location	Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds, and Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Science Advisory Council members

- Alastair Lewis
- Siddartha Khastgir
- James Gaade
- Ricardo Martinez-Botas
- Rob Miller
- William Powrie
- Lisa Jackson
- Nick Reed
- Richard Wills
- David Lee
- Neale Kinnear
- Greg Marsden

Department for Transport

- Professor Patricia Thornley, Chief Scientific Adviser
- Jonathan Green, Science Advisory Council Secretariat
- Sumit Pandey
- James O'Connor
- Ralph Bunch
- Annette Pass
- Jessica Sorrell
- Liz Osborne
- Asha-Jayne Kapil
- Dominik Lengauer

External contributors and guests

- Rachel Bishop, EPSRC/UKRI
- Professor Thijs Dekker, Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds
- Dr Ruth Madigan, Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds
- Representatives from the DfT Futures and Mass Transit teams

Session summaries for publication on the SAC Website

Chief Scientific Adviser and DfT update

Patricia Thornley spoke about government and DfT developments.

Decarbonising transport infrastructure and concrete

Sumit Pandey spoke about decarbonising transport infrastructure and concrete.

Transport and industrial strategy

SAC members spoke about transport's role in industrial strategy.

Infrastructure resilience

SAC members spoke about infrastructure resilience.

Future of mass transit

DfT's Futures team spoke about the future of mass transit.

Transport appraisal and value for money

SAC members spoke about transport appraisal and value for money.

Driver safety research

Ruth Madigan spoke about hazard-anticipation training for novice drivers.