

National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

18 June 2020
 Via Zoom

Note

NICW	Nicola Britton, Office of the NICW
John Lloyd Jones, Chair	Adrian Davies, Office of the NICW
Tom Crick, Commissioner	Leri George, Office of the NICW
Stephen Gifford, Commissioner	
Rob Irvine, Commissioner	
Eluned Parrott, Commissioner	For agenda item 1:
Rod Smith, Commissioner	Dewi Rowlands, Deputy Director for Transport Policy, Planning & Partnerships
Chris Sutton, Commissioner	Alison Thomas, Head of Policy Integration
Emma Thomas, Commissioner	Kate Clark, Consultant: Strategic Planning and Policy Development.
Ceri Doyle, Commissioner	
Richard Feasey, Commissioner	
Tom Wharf, Commissioner	
	Apologies
	Helen Howells, Commissioner

1. Wales Transport Strategy

Dewi Rowland, Alison Thomas and Kate Clark spoke to the Commission about how the draft Wales Transport Strategy is developing, following on from their discussion at the February 2020 NICW meeting.

Commissioners welcomed the approach of setting the strategy within the wider Welsh Government policy frameworks and cross cutting themes. Issues discussed covered digital connectivity, data as infrastructure, and the need for innovation around managing logistics/freight. Commissioners highlighted the need for

quantitative analysis to underpin the strategy's aspirations, especially in relation to causal links between the economy and transport infrastructure.

The transport team clarified the role of Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs) in delivering the strategy and the timescale the strategy will cover (20 year strategy, with 5 year delivery plans)

Actions

*Share links (EG UK NIC report) on open data with Kate Clark: Tom Crick
Follow up session prior to consultation on strategy in autumn 2020: Adrian Davies*

2. NICW Priorities

Recent correspondence from the Minister for Housing and Local Government about revised priorities for the commission as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic was discussed. It was agreed that NICW would explore options for developing their recommendations on digital infrastructure with a view to issuing a public statement.

3. AOB

Eluned Parrot, Tom Wharf and Emma Thomas provided an update about their recent meeting with experts on the national grid network.

Roderick Smith had discussed rail services in North Wales/NW England with colleagues in Welsh Government.

Tom Crick attended a workshop with the HM Treasury on its review of the Green Book. Commissioners asked for further details on how the Welsh Government is engaging with the review.

It was agreed a review of the work plan for the next year would be discussed at the next meeting on 15 July.

Action

*Provide details of Welsh Government involvement in Green Book consultation:
Adrian Davies.*