

National Infrastructure Commission for Wales

20 May 2020

Zoom

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| <p>NICW</p> <p>John Lloyd Jones, Chair</p> <p>Tom Crick, Commissioner</p> <p>Stephen Gifford, Commissioner</p> <p>Helen Howells, Commissioner</p> <p>Rob Irvine, Commissioner</p> <p>Eluned Parrott, Commissioner</p> <p>Rod Smith, Commissioner</p> <p>Chris Sutton, Commissioner</p> <p>Emma Thomas, Commissioner</p> <p>Ceri Doyle, Commissioner</p> | <p>Nicola Britton, Office of the NICW</p> <p>Adrian Davies, Office of the NICW</p> <p>Leri George, Office of the NICW</p> <p>For agenda item 1:</p> <p>John Howells, Director Climate Change, Energy and Planning, Welsh Government</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Richard Feasey, Commissioner</p> <p>Tom Wharf, Commissioner</p> |
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1. Covid 19 and NICW's priorities

Commissioners discussed likely short and long term effects of the pandemic on areas within the commission's remit. The future financing of public transport appears problematic; resilient and universal digital access has become an even greater priority with the shift to homeworking and home learning/schooling; the likely demand for more affordable housing provides an opportunity to build smarter & greener homes.

Commissioners agreed to prioritise ongoing work on digital communications. Commissioners also agreed to write to the Minister about the commission's role during the covid-19 crisis.

Action

Letter to the Minister to be drafted and shared with commissioners: Adrian Davies and Rob Irvine

2. Energy

Commissioners considered a list of key questions which will need to be examined further to ascertain the resilience of the current grid infrastructure, and likely future

developments. Commissioners agreed to focus on this aspect of the energy work, before moving on to issues raised by evidence received on energy generation (marine and community).

Action

Questions to be added/adapted in light of discussion: Adrian Davies

3. AOB

Commissioners agreed to meet again via zoom on 18 June.