

The third meeting of the Industrial Strategy Council took place at Belfast Harbour Office, Corporation Square, Belfast. It was attended by Council members, the BEIS sponsor and the Council Secretariat.

There were no new declarations of interest.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting on 27 February 2019 were agreed.

The following decisions were taken:

The Metrics Framework

1. The Council agreed that, where appropriate, the metrics in the Framework should be presented across a longer time period to enable evaluation of longer-term changes.
2. The Council agreed to include an executive summary of the Metrics Framework – both for future presentations at the Council meetings and for the Annual Report.
3. The Council agreed that the preliminary metrics framework will be a basis for sharing with a wider network including holding an event to gather comments on the next steps.

Sectors Insight Project

4. The Council were content with the scope and timeline of the Sectors Insight Project with the addition of a review of the scalability of the sectoral approach.

Places Insight Project

5. The Council agreed that the Places Insight Project would include a richer account of what makes some places “successful” (such as inclusiveness and quality of life).
6. The Council agreed to develop a taxonomy that considers a range of places that are in varying stages of growth.

Skills Insight Project

7. The Council agreed that the Skills Project will cover the whole of the UK, considering the different models in the devolved administrations.
8. The Council agreed that the Skills project team should liaise with the Prosperity Mapping project to ensure no duplication in the evaluation of the apprenticeships system.

9. The Council agreed that the project should cover workplace training and skills, as well as possibly some government initiatives.

The following actions were agreed:

10. The Council agreed to explore with the Business Representative Bodies the possibility of conducting a survey about the understanding and awareness of Industrial Strategy policies among their members.
11. The Council agreed the Tracker was a useful starting point for the Council's work on measuring the success and impact of the Strategy and the Head of Research will work with BEIS colleagues to collate more detail on the commitments outlined in the Tracker.
12. The Council commissioned the Government to expand the Tracker to include additional measures that have been added to the Industrial Strategy since the publication of the White Paper.
13. The Council welcomed the offer of Jennifer Rubin to link up the Places project with Paul Nightingale, UKRI who is working on the trajectories of places.
14. The Council welcomed the offer of the RSA, via Matthew Taylor, to share their work on the future business models to support the Skills Insight Project.
15. The Council agreed that members should communicate suggestions on expert academics in the Skills field through the Secretariat.
16. The Council agreed that the Head of Research would circulate a worked-up skeleton on the Council's annual report for the October meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3 October 2019 in the National Graphene Institute Building, Manchester.



Member attendees

- Andy Haldane
- Emma Bridgewater
- Jayne-Anne Gadhia
- Juergen Maier
- Rotha Johnston
- Charlie Mayfield
- Hayley Parsons (by phone)
- Jennifer Rubin
- Matthew Taylor

Other observers

- Mike Keoghan – Director of Industrial Strategy
- Sarah Hodgetts – Head of Industrial Strategy Council Secretariat
- Gavin Wallis – Head of Research, Industrial Strategy Council

Member apologies

- Kate Barker
- Christine Gaskell
- Diane Coyle
- Rupert Harrison
- Vivian Hunt
- Paul Marshall
- Archie Norman
- Roy Rickhuss
- Nancy Rothwell
- Rohan Silva