

Minutes: February 2021

The Industrial Strategy Council met on 25 February 2021 via video conference. The meeting was attended by Council members, the Deputy Director of Industrial Strategy and the Council Research Team.

1. Kate Barker announced her appointed as the new Chair of the Governing Council of the Productivity Institute. Nancy Rothwell has been asked to join the UK Investment Council.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 26 November 2020 were agreed.

The following actions were agreed:

Industrial Strategy Refresh

3. The Council agreed to further review its purpose, focus and approach in light of the changes seen in 2020 and the potential rebranding of the Industrial Strategy as a Plan for Growth. The Council agreed to consider how best to work together with the new Business Council and the Productivity Institute.

Annual Report

4. The Council agreed the content of its Annual Report and for it to be published via a virtual event on 23 March 2021.
5. The Council agreed the Annual Report should highlight the Council's work over the last year, set out the lessons learnt from that work, and set out what the Council believes is needed for the UK to have a world leading Industrial Strategy.

Vaccine Case Study

6. The Council agreed on the content of the case study and agreed to share with experts ahead of publication.
7. The Council agreed to publish the case study alongside the Annual Report.

Places Project

8. The Council agreed the content of the forthcoming publication on devolution.
9. The Council agreed to consider how its work on Places could be aligned with the work of the Council for Science and Technology to further enhance its finding and to avoid any unnecessary duplication.
10. To work programme for the Places project was agreed.

The next meeting is scheduled for 30 June 2021