Minutes: November 2020

The Industrial Strategy Council met on 26 November 2020 via video conference. The meeting was attended by Council members, the Director of Industrial Strategy and the Council Research Team.

1. Jayne-Anne Gadhia announced that she is the new Chair of the HMRC Board and Nicola Mendelsohn has joined the Public Service Broadcasting (PSB) Advisory Panel.

2. Jennifer Rubin announced she will be stepping down from the Council as she has been newly appointed as the Chief Scientific Advisor and Director General Science, Technology, Analysis, Research and Strategy for the Home Office. The Council expressed its thanks to Jennifer for her contribution to the Council's work.

3. The minutes of the previous meeting on 24 June 2020 were agreed.

The following actions were agreed:

Industrial Strategy Refresh

4. The Council agreed to review its focus and work plan in light of the changes seen in 2020 and the forthcoming refresh of the Industrial Strategy (due for publication in early 2021).

Clean Growth Project

5. The Council agreed to publish the first paper for this project in January 2021. The Council agreed to the proposed next steps.

Places Project

6. The Council agreed to publish the International Case Studies paper early next year.

7. The Council agreed to the publication timetable for the Devolution work.

International Project

8. The Council agreed the project outline but asked that the project more explicitly take account of any post-Brexit trading arrangements and how these might impact Foreign Direct Investment.

Key Stakeholder Strategy

9. The Council agreed its key stakeholders as outlined in the paper and suggested some options for engaging with these stakeholders for the research team to take forward.

Annual Report

10. The Council agreed the outline of its annual report noting it will need to be flexible on content and publication date depending on when the Industrial Strategy Refresh is published.

The next meeting is scheduled for 25 February 2021