THIRTY THIRD MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF COMMISSION

22 January 2025

Attendees

Commissioners: █████████████████████████████ 1.1
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Nominated Commissioners: ███████████ 1.3

Commission Unit: ████████████████████████ 1.4
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Standing Observers: █████████████████████ 1.6
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Apologies: ██████████████████████████████) 1.8

Actions:

Action	Owner	Deadline	Update
JC to provide an updated comms line following the announcements	██████ 1.9	24/01/2025	
SU will draft a thank you note to the GC team and share with the Commissioners.	██████ 1.10	26/01/2025	

1. Welcome, Minutes and Matters Arising

The Chair welcomed both the attendees in the room and online. Apologies were received from ████████████████████ 1.11

Minutes from October Board Meeting were approved with no further comments.

Previous actions reviewed from the meeting in London on the 29th of October 2024.

Action	Owner	Deadline	Update
1. Short paper on the standing position in	████████ 1.12	23/11/2024	Paper is included in today's

relation to the conversation on OS (Ordnance Survey) plans to move the national grid to ITM, and potential alignment with PBs (Partner Bodies) and DA (Devolved Administration).			agenda- **complete**
2. Relationship and Strategy session is being held on the 14th of December with individual strategy leads from Partner Bodies. Update to be provided to the board following this meeting.	2.1 ██████████	20/12/2024	Paper included in today's agenda- **complete**
3. For the next board meeting, we should have a refined set of project outcomes, articulating more precisely what the overall purpose and what the impact is in each of our projects? Overview of the GC Portfolio to be provided to the board.	2.2 ██████████	30/11/2024	GC Portfolio paper included in today's papers- **complete**
4. JC to share the comms wording around 'continuation of work but change in governance' with commissioners.	2.3 ██████████	14/11/2024	Paper included in today's papers- **complete**
5. GC to confirm to AN if there is anything they would like to brief on for the AGI Conference.	2.4 ██████████	08/11/2024	**Complete**
6. Transition plan to be created by GC and shared with the board	2.5 ██████████	15/11/2024	Paper included in today's

for review and comments.			papers-**complete**

2. Director Update

SH provided an update to board following the Secretary of States announcement yesterday of a long-term vision for digital public services, a 6-point plan for reform, and the role of the new digital centre of government. The blueprint for modern digital government sets out:

-a case for change, reflecting on the State of Digital Government Review
-a long-term vision for digital public services
-a 6-point plan for public sector digital reform
-the role of the refreshed Government Digital Service in driving this change

SH said the blueprint for a modern digital government also announces the expansion of the Government Digital Service (GDS), within DSIT, to include the Central Digital and Data Office, Incubator for AI and the Geospatial Commission.

SH said the work of the unit in delivering the strategic direction for geospatial across government will continue as part of the Government Digital Service (GDS) - accelerating innovation and enabling modern digital government through the application of geospatial data.

SH provided an overview of the GDS structure and said she will be leading on both Geospatial and National Data Library (NDL).

SH confirmed Geospatial will continue to work closely with the Devolved Administrations going forward.

SH said the spending review process is very clear and strong in relation to the narrative around growth and said the AI Road Map; recommendations 7 to 12- drive the use of AI. The board agreed it is important to ensure that Geospatial team's relationships and networks across public and private sectors that have been developed through its convening role are maintained and not left to evaporate as it brings something that cannot easily be replicated and will support the realisation of GDS' objectives.

The Commissioners confirmed they would be happy to continue to support the team as they continue to develop the thinking with new colleagues within GDS and will continue to advocate for the important role that geospatial can play across the government missions.

3. Board Papers

- Paper on the standing position in relation to the conversation on OS

Following the action at the last board meeting JC summarised a short paper on the standing position in relation to the conversation on OS (Ordnance Survey) role in enhancing the national grid and use of GNSS services, and potential alignment with PBs (Partner Bodies) and DAs (Devolved Administrations) objectives and requirements in this area. JC provided an overview

of the paper which sets this out and the considerations that need to be considered in making any positional accuracy changes.

-Partner Body Strategy session update

Following the request of a joint strategy session between the Commission and the Partner Bodies, the Public Sector Strategy team has been considering and testing an approach that would support this. JC summarised a paper detailing the work to date and planned future activity to underpin a UK geospatial strategy refresh, built on top of a robust baseline assessment of the current UK ecosystem and aligned to government priorities and missions.

-GC Portfolio Overview

The Commissioners reviewed the Portfolio Pack.

Land Use- The Devolution and Infrastructure Bill are currently commissioning lots of work in this area. The board agreed that any work already completed that would assist these bills, should be passed across. CCM informed the board that she is keeping connections going and staying close to Whitehall partners as we move forward to keep conversations live. CCM updated on Land Use and next steps in relation to this.

GEO AI- SH confirmed that this is an area that needs to be explored further and the move into GDS will help support this. More horizon scanning is required to look at what is available and what can be built on. GS said happy to enable conversations in this space.

Small Islands- JC confirmed this area of work was on hold but said it was important to do at some point in the future.

-Update on removing the Board of the Geospatial Commission

Paper provided to the board updating on the 'closing down of the Geospatial Commission board' and outlined the next steps and current lines to take.

Following this meeting, the minutes will be issued for review and once formally signed off will be published as a final action. The Geospatial Commission will then cease as a brand. The lines to take will be updated and issued to commissioners following publication.

SH confirmed work with the GEO6 will continue as well as ensuring there is correct representation across the board.

The board agreed that Geospatial is being seen as so critical, it is being moved into the core of government which is fantastic.

6. AOB

Commissioners formally recognised the achievements of the Geospatial Commission team across the board and wanted to record thanks to all involved. SU will draft a thank you note to the GC team and share with the Commissioners for sign off.

LH said it has been a great opportunity and said that if we can work together, we can continue to make the Commissions work, work in a different way.

AN said it is key to signpost and ensure all the different people we engage with are informed of the change and work continuing going forward.

SU thanked everyone for attending the final Board of Commissioners meeting.

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