

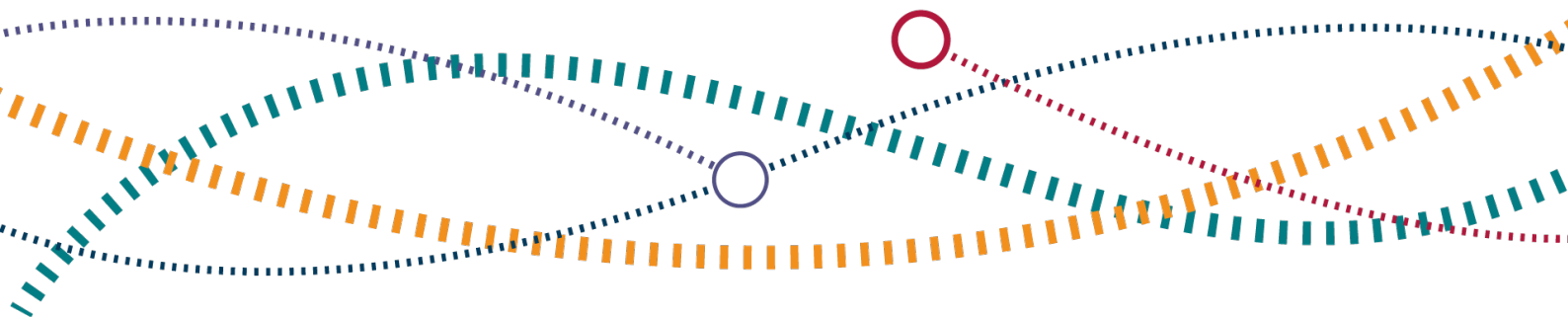


Road Expert Panel

22 March 2022

25 Cabot Square, London

1100 to 1110	Welcome, setup, and declarations of interest
1110 to 1335	Annual assessment key messages
1335 to 1350	Thanks and farewell to Stephen Glaister
1350 to 1400	AOB



Welcome, setup, and declarations of interest

1. ORR welcomed Panel members.
2. No declarations of interest.

Annual assessment key messages

3. The Panel discussed ORR's potential draft key message areas for its annual assessment of National Highways' performance for 2021-22.
4. ORR introduced the annual assessment process and provided the Panel with an overview of why ORR produces the report and what it aims to achieve with it. ORR explained that there were limitations to its data knowledge prior to full year-end reporting from National Highways.
5. The Panel discussed potential draft key message areas and provided opinions, questions, challenge, and feedback on:
 - The selection process for key messages for 2021-22;
 - areas of National Highways' performance in 2021-22 that ORR should consider;
 - what forward-looking topic areas could be included in the report; and
 - whether key messages should be given in a particular priority order.
6. For each potential key message area, the Panel discussed:
 - whether ORR was focusing on the right things;
 - the clarity of the information;
 - how to appropriately position any potential message;
 - any gaps or contradictions in the evidence that gave cause for concern; and
 - the breadth of the topic within a broader policy and regulatory context.
7. ORR thanked Panel members for their input and summarised the next steps. ORR asked Panel members to submit via email any additional thoughts or observations that they had not had the chance to raise.

8. Panel members thanked ORR for the slide pack provided in advance of the meeting.

Thanks and farewell to Stephen Glaister

9. ORR offered thanks on behalf of the Highways Team and the Road Expert Panel to Stephen Glaister, who was retiring from his role as chair of ORR Highways Committee.

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10. ORR provided a short update on planning for the third road investment strategy (RIS3) and indicated that it hoped to discuss these matters more fully at the next meeting.
11. ORR raised two administrative matters.



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