



<b>Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting - MINUTES</b>
<b>Date:</b> 12.09.2024
<b>Start time:</b> 09:30
<b>Venue:</b> Vertigo meeting room at Cork County Hall and on MS Teams
Present: Prof. Peter Thorne (Chair); Liam Conneally; Prof. Robert Devoy; David Joyce; Jillian Mahon; John Spink; Prof. Conor Murphy; Mark Adamson; Ina Kelly; Dr. Helen Hoyle. Virtual: Roger Street. Dr. Julie Clarke; Dr. Conor Quinlan (alternate, EPA). Secretariat: George Hussey; Dr. Stephen Flood; Bryn Canniffe; Ciara Hilliard. Apologies: Keith Lambkin. <b>Agenda Item 4:</b> Katy Harris and Dr. Mikael Allan Mikaelsson, Stockholm Environment Institute joined virtually for this item. <b>Agenda Item 5:</b> Kit England, Paul Watkiss Associates joined virtually for this item. <b>Agenda Item 6:</b> Ger Barry, Cork County Council joined in person for this item.

### **1. Opening of Meeting (09:40)**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present. The Chair introduced new Committee member Dr. Helen Hoyle.

#### **a. Minutes for the Adaptation Committee**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were approved.

#### **b. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

### **c. Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **2. Council Update (09:50)**

The Chair briefed the Committee on the key outcomes from the Climate Change Advisory Council meeting that took place on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 with updates on research projects that were approved, draft annual review chapters, Council letters on Budget 2025 and the National Planning Framework, Carbon budgets work and preparation for a thematic session on sustainable finance and administrative barriers to climate change.

Regarding the Council's input into the National Planning Framework, Committee members stressed the importance of being consulted with, and of being given the opportunity to input, on any such issues that would have future adaptation consequences.

## **3. Secretariat Update (09:55)**

The Secretariat provided a verbal update of the main events that took place since the previous Adaptation Committee meeting.

There was a discussion on the process of engagement with regard to the Sectoral Adaptation Plans. It was suggested to consider the organization of a workshop to support the sectors in addressing cross-sectoral risks and ensuring strong ownership over cross-cutting issues. It was agreed that the Secretariat would arrange a series of consultations with each of the sectors before December to ensure that early inputs and guidance is given.

It was suggested to invite the Department of the Taoiseach to a future Committee meeting to hear more on the outcomes of the senior officials' sub-group on adaptation.

## **4. Transboundary Climate Risk Report Presentation (10.10)**

Katy Harris and Mikael Allan Mikaelsson presented on the Council commissioned Transboundary Climate Risk Report. The Committee agreed that the report should be transmitted to Council for approval and publication on the Council website, subject to addressing the comments received and further editing and ensuring the recommendations were relevant to the local context.

## **5. Climate Adaptation Finance (11.05)**

Kit England of Paul Watkiss Associates presented on climate adaptation finance including innovative climate change adaptation finance options.

## **6. Local Adaptation and Flood Risk Management (11:35)**

Committee members David Joyce, Mark Adamson and Liam Conneally were joined by Ger Barry, Cork County Council to lead a discussion on Local Adaptation and Flood Risk Management.

## **7. Draft 2025 workplan and adaptation workshop proposals (12:10)**

The secretariat presented the draft 2025 workplan. The Committee members provided comments on the proposed thematic session topics, ideas for presenters, research priorities and planned webinars. The Secretariat was requested to revise the workplan based on the comments received and that it would be submitted to the December Committee meeting for decision. It was agreed that the Committee would vote by ranked preference on the workshop topics for the 2025 workshop.

## **8. AOB, agreed outcomes and plans for next meeting**

### **a) Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and would be held virtually on MS Teams.



Signed electronically on 20.12.2024