



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting - MINUTES

Date: 13.06.2024

Start time: 11:00

Venue: MS Teams

Online: Marie Donnelly (Chair), Patricia King, Jillian Mahon (from 11:00 to 13:00, from 13:40 to 15:40 and from 16:00 to 17:00), Dr. Cara Augustenborg, Julie Sinnamon, Prof. Peter Thorne, Andrew Murphy, Prof. Frank O' Mara (Teagasc)(from 11:00 to 15:55), Prof. Morgan Bazilian (11:00 to 14:40), Professor Yvonne Buckley, Professor Liam Delaney, Professor Edgar Morgenroth

Apologies: Eoin Moran (Met Éireann); Laura Burke (EPA), William Walsh (SEAI observer).

Other: Lisa Johnson, Ecodiversity (joined for agenda items 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Secretariat: George Hussey, Phillip O'Brien, Claire Camilleri, Gina Kelly, Meabh Gallagher, Stephen Flood, Eleanor Mathews, Katherine Dooley, Ciara Hilliard

1. Opening of Meeting (11:00)

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 25th April 2024

The minutes were accepted with minor amendment.

Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising from the minutes

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

Disclosure of Interests

Dr. Cara Augustenborg noted that she would be supporting AIB with their internal staff climate training over the next six months, as part of external work approved by UCD under their 'Devlin time' policy.



2. Adaptation Committee Update (11.05)

The Secretariat briefed Council members on the outcomes of the Adaptation Committee meeting held on 23rd May 2024 and provided a summary of Council document 2.1 Summary of Adaptation Committee Meeting 23.05.2024 INF.

It was noted that further Council engagement in Adaptation Committee issues would be beneficial and opportunities for this will be examined.

3. Documents for approval (11:15)

It was agreed that the following report should be published on the Council website with minor amendments:

- Research to assess specific measures for road freight emission abatement under the ASI framework.

4. Just Transition Commission (11:30)

It was noted that the Just Transition Commission has now been approved by Government. The Secretariat briefed Council on the current status of the Commission, the process for selection of Commission members, and proposals for the operation of the Commission. Council discussed the importance of co-ordination between the two bodies and how this might be ensured – perhaps through an MOU in Q4 2024/Q1 2025. The Secretariat will monitor the development of the Commission and will report back to Council with further updates in respect of a proposed MoU over the coming months.

5. Annual Review - Transport Sectoral Review (12:15)

Council discussed the draft Transport Sectoral Review, provided feedback and approved the Sectoral Review subject to agreed changes. The Secretariat will circulate a final version of all documents to Council once finalised. Council also discussed the messaging on this matter ahead of the launch of the review on 27th of June.



6. Annual Review – Built Environment Sectoral Review (12.40)

Council discussed the draft Built Environment Sectoral Review, provided feedback and approved the publication of the review subject to agreed changes. The Secretariat will circulate a final version of all documents to Council once finalised.

7. Annual Review Climate & Adaptation Preparedness and Agriculture Preview (13:50)

The Council discussed the draft Climate & Adaptation Preparedness and Agriculture Reviews and provided feedback for the Secretariat to incorporate into the drafting of the reviews.

8. Annual Review – Cross Sectoral, Inventories and Projections Orientation (15:15)

The Council discussed a potential approach to, and structure of, the Cross Sectoral, Inventories and Projections chapters of the Annual Review. It was noted that there would be further discussion at the next Council meeting. Council members are to be given an opportunity to provide written observations after the meeting.

9. Carbon Budgets Update (16:00)

The Secretariat provided an update on the Carbon Budgets Working Group (CBWG) meeting of 23rd May 2024 looking at the results of the second iteration of modelling and analysis.

An outline of the upcoming CBWG meetings of 28th June and 25th July was also discussed in addition to the next steps under the Carbon Budgets workplan and the proposed approach for the upcoming Council Briefing on Carbon Budgets on the 17th of July.

10. Communications Update (16:20)

Chair of the Communications Subgroup, Dr Cara Augustenborg updated Council on the meeting of the 28th of May which was mainly focussed on the various Annual Review publications and supporting events.

11. Work Programme Update (16:30)

The Secretariat updated Council on the 2024 Work Programme and Council approved Estimates 2025 subject to minor amendment.



12. Activities of the Council (16:30)

The Council noted the report of Council activities.

13. AOB (16:35)

- Council noted that a submission was received in relation to the Geography Leaving Certificate curriculum. It was not considered appropriate for the Council to adopt a position on this issue.
- Secretariat briefed the Council on a Green Deal Review which is being carried out by the EEAC.
- It was noted that the Biomethane Strategy has now been published and the Secretariat continue to engage with DAFM in this regard.

Next meeting: It was noted that the next Council meeting would be on the 18th of July 2024 and would be held in person at the Radisson Hotel in Stillorgan and virtually on MS Teams.

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Signed on 18.07.2024