



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting – DRAFT MINUTES	
Date:	8 th December 2016
Start time:	09:00
Venue:	Ballsbridge Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4
Present:	Prof. John FitzGerald (JF)(Chair), Prof. Alan Matthews (AM), Joseph Curtin (JC), Laura Burke (LB), Prof. Gerry Boyle (GB), Prof. Anna Davies, (AD), Frank Convery (FC)
Apologies:	Jim Gannon (JG), Prof. Alan Barrett (AB), Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer, Prof. Peter Clinch (PC).
Secretariat:	Dr. Frank McGovern (FMcG), Dr. Niall Farrell (NF), Dr. Róisín Moriarty (RM), Rory Kelleher (RK), Claire Camilleri (CC)

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 6th October 2016

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6th October 2016 were adopted and signed by the chair.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was adopted without changes.

1.3 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

1.4 Chair's Report of Activities

The Chair outlined his participation at a UCD School of Philosophy and Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies event on 'Climate Science, Disagreement and Policy: A multidisciplinary investigation on Explaining the Importance of Halting Climate Change' held on 10-12th November 2016.

2. First Report

The Secretariat provided a review of the launch of the Council's First Report including media coverage of the launch of the report. It was noted that responses to these were generally positive. The Secretariat outlined that they aim to use the report in further outreach activities.

3. Departmental Update

Mark Griffin, Secretary General, Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment provided an update to the Committee on the Draft National Mitigation Plan (NMP) and its development. This included the expected timelines for a two stage consultation processes for the plan during 2017. Mr Griffin advised that the



sectoral plans are currently in draft form, and that he would get back to the Council on their availability. The Council thanked Mr Griffin for providing his insights to the Council and time.

4. Preliminary Greenhouse Gas emission inventories 1990-2015

Stephen Treacy, Senior Scientific Officer within the EPA presented the most up-to-date official emissions data and information developed by the EPA. A discussion regarding the overall trends and recent changes in emissions and their wider implications for actions in Ireland followed the presentation. The Council thanked Mr Treacy for his time.

5. International developments in climate policy

Council members discussed recent international developments in climate policy, including possible implications of the US elections, policy developments towards zero-emission vehicles and Danish climate policy advances. The Secretariat provided an update of developments at the UNFCCC COP 22 meeting in Marrakech.

6. Reports to be published in 2017

The Council discussed the process for development of the Annual Review Report and the first Periodic Review Report, including the timings and the statutory requirements for the reports. Priorities within each report were explored.

7. Periodic Review Report

The Council were presented with a zero order draft of the first Periodic Review Report. The Council discussed the structure of the report, and requirements for information gaps necessary to produce the Periodic Review Report. A drafting approach was also considered, and subsequently agreed by the Council and Secretariat.

8. Adaptation

The Council considered the proposed outline of the Adaptation Committee meetings for 2017 and agreed the approach. The Council were also updated with the likely timeframe regarding the draft National Adaptation Framework expected in 2017.


9. Response to National Mitigation Plan

Due to the delay in receiving the draft NMP, the Council agreed a process in order to respond to the draft NMP when it was received.

10. Council Administration

The Council received the latest website statistics from www.climatecouncil.ie.

The next meetings of the Climate Change Advisory Council will be held on the 22nd February 2017.

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