



## Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting - MINUTES

**Date:** 10.07.2025

**Start time:** 11:00

**Venue:** MS Teams

**Attendance:** Marie Donnelly (Chair), Patricia King, Jillian Mahon (from 11.10), Dr. Cara Augustenborg, Professor Edgar Morgenroth, Laura Burke (EPA)(from 12:20), Prof. Frank O' Mara (Teagasc), Prof. Liam Delaney, Keith Lambkin (observer for Eoin Moran) (Met Éireann) Prof. Yvonne Buckley, Prof. Morgan Bazilian

**Apologies:** Eoin Moran, Prof. Peter Thorne

**Agenda Items 7:** Tomás Murray (EPA), joined for this item

**Agenda Items 8 and 9:** Lisa Johnson (Ecodiversity) joined for these items

**Secretariat:** George Hussey, Phillip O'Brien, Gina Kelly, Meabh Gallagher, Stephen Flood, Bryn Canniffe, Ciara Hilliard, Claire Camilleri, Jodie Colgan, Marta Carrasco, Eleanor Mathews.

### 1. Opening of Meeting (11:00)

The Chair welcomed Council members and observer Keith Lambkin (Met Éireann) to the Council meeting. Council also noticed that this would be the last Council meeting for Secretariat Member, Gina Kelly as she moves to a new position.

#### 1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The minutes were accepted with one minor amendment.

#### Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.



## **Disclosure of Interests**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **2. Adaptation Committee Update (11:05)**

Stephen Flood briefed Council members on the outcomes of the Adaptation Committee meeting held, online, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

Meeting details included:

- An update on the Sectoral Adaptation Plan reviews
- Finalisation of the 2025 Scorecard report
- Overview of research projects including research on coastal risk management and the impacts of climate change on mental health. A draft business case was also developed on decision making under climate uncertainty.
- Summary of a thematic session on the biodiversity and water nexus

It was noted that the next meeting of the Adaptation Committee would be on 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2025.

## **3. Documents for Approval (11:15)**

Council discussed the following papers:

- 3.1 Emissions Trading System 2 (ETS2) Factsheet DEC
- 3.2 Adaptation Scorecard Report DEC

The documents were approved for publication with one minor amendment to the scoring legend in document 3.2.

## **4. Thematic Session Preview (11:30)**

The Secretariat presented an overview on the topic of sustainable finance for discussion, including sources to inform a future session and the approach to preparing a paper for the discussion.

Based on feedback received from Council, the Secretariat will progress analysis and make preparations for the September meeting as advised.



## **5. Draft Budget letter (11:40)**

The Secretariat presented a draft letter to Government for discussion. Edgar Morgenroth and members of the Secretariat gave an update on the National Economic Dialogue meeting in Dublin Castle, as part of this item.

It was agreed that an amended draft of the letter would be circulated for comment and approval.

## **6. Energy Performance in Buildings Directive Factsheet (11:55)**

The Secretariat presented an overview of the Energy Performance in Buildings Directive (EPBD) Factsheet for Council information and discussed some of the key elements of the Directive and future areas of focus. It was agreed that the Secretariat would develop a factsheet which would be presented at the September Council meeting on the proposal for an EU 2040 climate target

## **7. EPA Provisional Inventories, Projections and Quarterly Reports (12:20)**

EPA's Tomás Murray presented to Council on the latest suite of emissions reporting outputs.

## **8. Annual Review 2025 – Industry, Waste and Built Environment and Adaptation Review (13:50)**

The Secretariat presented the Industry, Waste and Built Environment sectoral review and the Summary for All, including key recommendations. Council approved the documents for publication subject to the incorporation of the EPA provisional inventory and final comments from Council.

The Secretariat presented the Adaptation sectoral review and the Summary for All, including key recommendations, subject to final amendments. Council approved the documents for publication subject to the incorporation of final comments from Council.

## **9. Annual Review 2025 –Biodiversity and Cross Sectoral (14:25)**

The Secretariat presented the Biodiversity and Cross Sectoral reviews for discussion.

Council provided feedback on the recommendations which would be presented in draft chapters at a future Council meeting. It was agreed that the Secretariat would upload a draft



of the Biodiversity recommendations for comment before requesting Council input on ranking of recommendations for the draft Biodiversity and Cross Sectoral annual review.

#### **10. Carbon Budgets JOC update (12:00)**

The Secretariat updated Council on the Oireachtas Committee on Climate, Environment and Energy on 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 and the subsequent correspondence sent to the Committee on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July which was further discussed at the subsequent Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

#### **11. September meeting with Minister O' Brien (12:05)**

Council discussed a possible delegation and agenda items for an in-person meeting with the Minister in September.

#### **12. Expenditure Update and RB2 (15:20)**

The Secretariat briefed Council members on:

1. Expenditure to date

Council noted the contents of the update on 2025 expenditure to date.

2. Revised Budget 2025

Council approved the proposed approach to RB2 2025.

#### **13. International Update (15:25)**

The Secretariat updated the Council on outcomes of the ICCN engagement at London Climate Action week where the Council Toolkit was launched.

The Secretariat also updated Council on plans for the Council visit to Brussels to coincide with the EEAC Assembly at the end of September. It was noted that engagements were secured with DG Clima and DG Energy.

#### **14. Activities of the Council (16:45)**

The Council noted the report of Council activities, with minor amendments.

#### **15. AOB and next meeting (17:00)**

- Council noted that a scoping paper for new Council members is ongoing and is likely to progress in September 2025.



- It was noted that the next Council meeting would be held in person on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in the Talbot Hotel in Stillorgan.

Signed on 25th September 2025

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