

Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting - DRAFT MINUTES

Date: 4th April 2019

Start time: 10:00

Venue: Radisson Blu Royal, Golden Lane, Dublin 2.

Present: Professor John FitzGerald, Laura Burke, Professor Alan Matthews, Professor Frank Convery, Professor Gerry Boyle, Joseph Curtin (video link), Professor Alan Barrett, Professor Anna Davies, Jim Gannon, Professor Peter Clinch.

Apologies: Professor Ottmar Edenhofer

Secretariat: Phillip O'Brien, Dr Tadhg O'Mahony, Caroline Donnellan, Harriet Walsh, Dr Margaret Desmond, Seán O'Leary, Dr Sabrina Dekker, Dr Jeremy Emmett Booth.

1. Opening of meeting

1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 30.11.2018

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 17th January 2019 were signed by the Chair.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was adopted by the Council.

1.3 Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures made.

1.4 Chair's Report of Activities

The Chair attended a meeting in the Embassy of France to discuss greenhouse gas emissions and climate change policies. The Chair had a meeting with the Irish Energy Storage Association to discuss the role of energy storage in facilitating high levels of non-synchronous renewable energy onto the grid. The Chair attended the launch of the report from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action in Dáil Éireann. The Chair was on a panel at the Department of Finance conference on Globalisation and Taxation, where the Chair spoke about macroeconomics, the issue of climate change and carbon taxes.

1.5 Outcomes from Adaptation Committee Meeting 28.02.2019

The Council heard the Adaptation Committee discussed the forthcoming sectoral adaptation plans and local authority adaptation strategies. The Council heard that the Adaptation Committee agreed to review the draft adaptation plans from Biodiversity and Electricity and Gas networks.

The Council heard The Committees' suggestion of the usefulness to analyse one of the Dublin local authorities' draft climate change action plans to inform and guide the other local authorities. The Council agreed to draft letters in response to the public consultations on these plans.

The Council requests the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities be invited to a future meeting of the Council.

2. National Dialogue on Climate Action

The Council were given a presentation on the work of the National Dialogue on Climate Action by its chair Elaine Nevin.

3. Council Administration Climate Change Advisory Council Website and Communications Policy

The Council approved the Communications Policy for 2019.

4. Draft National Energy and Climate Plan

The Council heard a presentation on the draft National Energy and Climate Plan by Martin Finucane from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

5. National Policy Development

The Council noted the publication of the Joint Oireachtas Committee report and agreed to issue a statement.

The Council noted the ongoing process and development of the All of Government Plan.

6. COP 24: Reporting and Accounting Green House Gas Emissions

The Council received an update from Dr Frank McGovern from the Environmental Protection Agency on developments from the Conference of Parties 24 in Katowice

regarding reporting, accounting and proceedings under Subsidiary Body for Science and Technological Advice from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

7. Transport Work Programme: Seminar and Working Paper

The Council heard a presentation from the National Transport Authority from Dr Páirc Carroll.

The Council agreed to host a seminar on the topic later in the year.

8. Annual Review Discussion

Preparations for the Annual Review were discussed.

9. Agreed Outcomes, plans for next meeting and AOB

No other business was raised. The next meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Council will be held on 13th June 2019 as previously agreed.

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