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Dear Mr Kearney,

**RE: Letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

At the Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, The Council discussed publication of climate-related information on its website, as prompted by the issues highlighted in your letter.

The Council welcomed the opportunity to consider their obligations under both article 7 of Directive 2003/4/EC and article 5 of the Aarhus Convention and the updated Irish Access to Information on the Environment Regulation. The Council noted that the resources available to the Council are important consideration in their deliberations especially given the Council's mandated responsibilities. The Council strive to serve the public interest in all that they do, transparency and accountability are priorities both in Council discussions and in the day to day operations of the Council and its Secretariat.

The Council has agreed, when possible, presentations delivered at seminar events organised by the Council will be made available on the Council's website. The consent of the presenters to publish their slides will be required to enable this action. The Council had already agreed to make the presentations from the Carbon Price Floor seminar available on the website. These slide decks will be added to the website as part of a planned restructuring of the Council's website which will occur in Q1/Q2 of 2019. The Council apologise any inconvenience caused by the delay in making this information publicly accessible.

As mentioned in the interim response to your letter, the Council has already made papers from its 'Council Working Paper Series' available on line and this series will be developed

further in the coming years. Most recently added to the Council website are the papers *Carbon Price Floor in Ireland* from Dr Paul Deane, Professor John FitzGerald and Gemma O'Reilly and *The Impact of a Carbon Price Floor on European Electricity Markets* from Dr Paul Deane, Dr Celine McNerney, Dr Bernadette Power and Ellen O'Connor. As you will already know all Council reports, official correspondence, Council and Adaptation Committee agendas and minutes are already available the Council website.

Should you wish to clarify any of the points above, please contact myself directly or the Climate Change Advisory Council Secretariat [info@climatecouncil.ie](mailto:info@climatecouncil.ie) or phone 01 2680180.

Yours sincerely,

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