



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting – Committee on Carbon Budgets

Minutes

Date: 17th May 2021

Start time: 15:00

Venue: Video Conference Meeting

Present: Marie Donnelly, John Fitzgerald, Patricia King, Julie Sinnamon, Andrew Murphy, Bill Callanan, Gerry Boyle, Alan Matthews, Peter Thorne, Brian O’Gallachoir, Hannah Daly, Keith Lambkin, Aoife Parker Hedderman, Kevin Hanrahan, Lisa Ryan, Stephen Treacy, Trevor Donnellan, David Styles, George Hussey.

Apologies: Aoife Ahern, Sharon Finegan, Eoin Moran, Jim Scheer.

Observer (s): Cara Augustenborg, Morgan Bazilian, Sinead O’Brien.

Secretariat: Philip O’Brien, Gemma O’Reilly, Paula Leonard.

Presenters: Stephen Treacy, Scientific Officer, EPA.

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by the Committee.

1.2. Minutes for the Committee on Carbon Budget Meeting

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 30th April 2021 were adopted and signed electronically by the Chair.

2. Update on activities

The Council provided guidance on a number of outstanding issues for clarification by the Committee at the Council meeting on Thursday 13th May. The secretariat communicated these in a presentation.

The Secretariat will provide a note to the Committee on the implications of including LULUCF in carbon budgets.

3. EPA Inventories AR5

Stephen Treacy presented on GWP100 AR4 vs AR5 and the impact of sectoral emissions on Ireland's GHG inventory, updated projections on LULUCF are due to be published by the EPA in the next few weeks.

The Secretariat will circulate updated projection figures on LULUCF to the Committee once available.

Discussion:

The Committee agreed, the existing scenarios, with the inclusion of those requested by Council on May 13th, provide sufficient insight and that no further scenarios regarding sectoral efforts are required. Therefore, with the inclusion of LULUCF in the assessment of economy wide emissions, agriculture in the existing modelling scenarios should now be thought of as the AFOLU sector. The Council and therefore the Committee is not mandated to advise on sectoral contributions as part of the carbon budget proposals.

4. Agreed Actions

The Secretariat will conduct a polling exercise with members of the Committee who have expertise in LULUCF to consider the potential contribution to 2030 and beyond.

The Secretariat will extract the investment and cost implications of the emission reduction scenarios created for the Committee. This will be a basis for engaging with other sectoral and economic experts.

Aoife Parker Hedderman to check and confirm if the Department of Taoiseach's progress report for the interim CAP report is available to share with the Committee.

The Secretariat will advise the Committee of the dates of the next meeting due to take place in June.

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