



## Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting – Committee on Carbon Budgets

### MINUTES

**Date:** 21st June 2021

**Start time:** 14:30

**Venue:** Video Conference Meeting

**Present:** Marie Donnelly, John Fitzgerald, Julie Sinnamon, Gerry Boyle, Patricia King, Andrew Murphy, Laura Burke, Peter Thorne, Bill Callanan, Kevin Hanrahan, Trevor Donnellan, Jim Scheer, Lisa Ryan, Brian Ó Gallachóir, Alan Matthews, Hannah Daly, Andrew Smith, Eoin Moran, Keith Lambkin, Stephen Treacy, George Hussey.

**Apologies:** Sinead O'Brien, Aoife Ahern, Aoife Parker Hedderman, Morgan Bazilian, David Styles.

**Observer (s):** Cara Augustenborg.

**Secretariat:** Philip O'Brien, Gemma O'Reilly, Paula Leonard.

**Presenters:** Faye Carroll, Aoife O'Grady, Niall Flynn, Department of Transport; Matthew Clancy, Programme Manager, SEAI; Peter Mannion, Consultant, McKinsey.

#### 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 14<sup>th</sup> June were adopted and signed electronically by the Chair.

### **1.3. Update on activities**

The Secretariat provided an update on the small-scale studies currently underway as part of the ongoing carbon budget analysis.

The Secretariat relayed feedback from the Council on the proposal letter on carbon budgets.

The Secretariat advised sectoral engagement meetings have been scheduled for the next two weeks and reminded the Committee of the 'Expert Meeting on the Science of mitigation, gases, and 1.5C' taking place Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 4pm.

The Chair asked the Secretariat to extend a note to the EAC Group whether carbon budgets usually include LULUCF as part of the ongoing analysis for carbon budget recommendations.

### **2. Efforts required to meeting a 51% target reduction in Transport**

The Department of Transport provided a presentation to the Committee on reducing emissions in the Transport Sector in line with the 51% reduction target by 2030.

The Department advised their findings and modelling teams are available to the Committee and the Council should they request a meeting.

### **3. SEAI's Heat Study**

The SEAI presented a comprehensive assessment of options to decarbonise the heating and cooling sectors in Ireland to meet 2050 targets that will be submitted to the Department of Environment Climate and Communications by the end of June.

### **4. McKinsey report on economy and climate justice criteria**

McKinsey presented the socioeconomic impacts of the emission reduction proposals of the Climate Action Plan 2021 that will inform further consideration of carbon budgets in terms of the economy and climate justice criteria.

### **5. Carbon Budget Proposals Strawman**

The Secretariat provided a recap on the state of play on the top down analysis to be considered when proposing carbon budgets and a recap of the scenarios modelled to

date with indicative numbers for estimated carbon budgets. Sectoral analysis is pending and will be taken into consideration by the Committee.

## **6. Discussion of budget ranges for the 3 periods**

The Committee discussed the trajectory of the proposed carbon budgets up to 2035 in the context of the top down analysis.

The Secretariat advised the Committee is still awaiting guidance from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications in relation to including LULUCF in carbon budgets.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the upcoming EPA Climate Change Conference taking place on Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, a reminder the Council Adaptation Committee will meet Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The next Carbon Budget Committee meeting will take place on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> 2021.

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