



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting – Committee on Carbon Budgets

MINUTES

Date: 27th April 2021

Start time: 09:30

Venue: Video Conference Meeting

Present: Marie Donnelly, Patricia King, Peter Thorne, Julie Sinnamon, John Fitzgerald, Andrew Murphy, Eoin Moran, George Hussey, Alan Matthews, Aoife Parker Hedderman, Hannah Daly, Keith Lambkin, Lisa Ryan, Stephen Treacy, Paul Price, Andrew Smith, Trevor Donnellan, Kevin Hanrahan, Bill Callanan, David Styles, Colm Duffy.

Apologies: Aoife Ahern, Sharon Finegan, Jim Scheer.

Observer (s):

Secretariat: Phillip O'Brien, Gemma O'Reilly, Paula Leonard.

Presenters: Hannah Daly, Researcher and Lecturer MaREI UCC; Kevin Hanrahan, Head of Rural Economy and Development Programme, Teagasc; David Styles, Researcher and Lecturer University of Limerick.

1. Opening of Meeting

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the first meeting of the Carbon Budget Committee.

1.1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by the Committee.

1.2. Disclosure of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Update on Activities

The Secretariat reported back on outcomes of Council meeting last week including the Agreed Terms of Reference for the Committee. The Secretariat presented draft Operational Guidelines for the Committee, which has been sent to meeting participants. The operational guidelines are to be adopted at the Committee meeting on Friday 30th April.

3. Scene Setting

The Secretariat gave a scene setting presentation, including with respect to preliminary plans for the schedule of meetings of the Committee.

4. TIMES Ireland Model

Hannah Daly presented the implications of different levels of effort sharing across the economy for the Energy Sector, including marginal abatement costs and the technology deployment that might be required.

5. Teagasc modelling results and capacity

Teagasc presented preliminary analysis based on different levels of activity within agriculture and implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2019.

6. Potential Effort in Agriculture/LULUCF

David Styles presented on the scope and findings of the Sequester project funded by DAFM and EPA and the development of the Goblin agriculture and land use model.

Discussion of Presentations:

A number of Council members noted the importance to also progress work on consideration of other criteria such as climate justice, jobs, competitiveness and attractiveness for investment.

A number of Committee members noted the importance of income and land use diversification within the agriculture sector. A request was made to Teagasc to prepare material for Committee members on the structure and socioeconomic characteristics of the agriculture and land use sector.

The Committee members discussed what scenarios would be useful to model regarding sharing of effort towards the 51% 2030 target.

7. Agreed outcomes, plans for the next meeting, AOB

The Committee decided three scenarios are to be developed by UCC, Teagasc, UL and DCU ahead of the next Committee meeting, reflecting emission reduction targets of 33%, 40% and 55% for the agriculture/land use sector, with the aim of presenting preliminary results at the second meeting of the Carbon Budget Committee on 30th April 2021.

The Secretariat to request slides from the presenters to make available to Council and Committee members as appropriate.

The next meeting of the Carbon Budget Committee will be on 30th April 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Maire E. Donnelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'D'.

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