



<b>Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting - MINUTES</b>
<b>Date:</b> 26.06.2025 <b>Start time:</b> 09:00 <b>Venue:</b> MS Teams
<b>Present:</b> Prof. Peter Thorne (Chair); Mark Adamson; Prof. Robert Devoy; Helen Hoyle; David Joyce; Dr. Ina Kelly; Keith Lambkin; Jillian Mahon; Sean McKeown; Prof. Conor Murphy; Dr. Conor Quinlan (alternate, EPA); Roger Street. <b>Secretariat:</b> Bryn Canniffe; Marta Carrasco; Dr. Stephen Flood; George Hussey; Phillip O' Brien. <b>Agenda Item 7:</b> Fran Igoe (LAWPRO), John Doherty (Inishowen Rivers Trust) <b>Apologies:</b> Dr. Julie Clarke; John Spink.

### **1. Opening of Meeting (09:00)**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

#### **a. Minutes for the Adaptation Committee**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were approved. The Secretariat was requested to prepare a standalone summary note of the activities undertaken on the Aran Islands on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

#### **b. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

#### **c. Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

### **2. Council Update (09.02)**

The Chairperson provided an update on the main outcomes from the Climate Change Advisory Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### **3. Secretariat Update (09.05)**

The Secretariat provided a verbal update of the main events that took place since the previous Adaptation Committee meeting. The main items covered were:

- Sectoral Adaptation Plans
- Update of the National Adaptation Steering Committee meeting
- Research updates
- Collaboration with Central Bank of Ireland
- Summary of recent international engagements

### **4. Annual Review on Adaptation (9:20)**

The Secretariat presented the draft recommendations for the 2025 Adaptation Annual Review. The Committee members provided comments on the draft recommendations and were invited to provide comments on the draft document that was circulated via SharePoint before close of business on 27<sup>th</sup> June for consideration.

### **5. Zero order draft of the Annual Review on Biodiversity (9:50)**

The Secretariat presented the draft recommendations for the 2025 Biodiversity Annual Review. The Committee members provided comments on the draft recommendations and the Secretariat was requested to address the comments before circulating a revised document via SharePoint for comments from the Committee members by close of business on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### **6. 2025 Adaptation Scorecard Report (10:15)**

The Secretariat presented a summary of the 2025 Adaptation Scorecard Report. It was approved for onward transmission to the Council, subject to addressing comments received from the Committee members. It was left open on SharePoint for further comments from the Committee members by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### **7. Thematic Session on Catchment Management and Biodiversity (10:50)**

Presentations were received from Fran Igoe from LAWPRO on the roll out of the catchment management approach and John Doherty from Inishowen Rivers Trust on the use of nature-based solutions in the Clonmany Catchment in Donegal. The Committee members thanked the presenters and discussed the main points raised by the presentations.

## **8. Any Other Business, agreed outcomes and plans for next meeting (11:50)**

### **a) Any Other Business**

Two items were discussed under any other business.

- (i) Adaptation Committee terms of reference: it was noted that the Secretariat would consider a minor review and amendment of the terms of reference of the Adaptation Committee for consideration by the Council in its September meeting. This would provide further clarity on the terms of office of members and the status of ex-officio members.
- (ii) 2026 Adaptation Workshop Topic: the Secretariat presented the list of workshop topics that were not selected in 2025 and invited members to provide any edits/amendments to existing ideas to this document by July 4<sup>th</sup>

### **b) Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and is to be held in-person at the National Emergency Coordination Center in Dublin. It was noted that the Secretariat would arrange field visits for the afternoon after the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.05.



Signed electronically on 12.09.2025