



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting – Committee on Carbon Budgets

MINUTES

Date: 5th July 2021

Start time: 14:30

Venue: Video Conference Meeting

Present: Marie Donnelly, John Fitzgerald, Julie Sinnamon, Andrew Murphy, Patricia King, Gerry Boyle, Hannah Daly, Andrew Smith, Eoin Moran, Lisa Ryan, Brian O’Gallachoir, Stephen Treacy, Trevor Donnellan, Aoife Ahern, Bill Callanan, Peter Thorne, David Styles, Aoife Parker Hedderman.

Apologies: Morgan Bazilian, Laura Burke, Kevin Hanrahan, Keith Lambkin, Alan Matthews, Sinead O’Brien, Jim Scheer.

Observer (s): Cara Augustenborg.

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

Presenters:

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 28th June were adopted and signed by the Chair electronically.

1.3. Update on activities

The Secretariat advised the Committee that an update on the ESRI modelling and the small-scale biodiversity study will be presented at the Council meeting on 12th July.

The Secretariat proposed scheduling an additional meeting of the Carbon Budget Committee to further discuss recommendations and the draft communication to the Council on carbon budgets.

2. Sectoral Engagement Feedback

The Secretariat provided feedback to the Committee on the sectoral engagement meetings with Residential, Enterprise/Industry, Transport, and Electricity experts in order to inform further carbon budget discussions.

3. Draft Carbon Budgets for CB1, CB2 and CB3

The Secretariat briefed the Committee on the recent amendment to the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill by the Oireachtas in relation to carbon budgets. The Secretariat will inform the Committee of any further amendments, as well as any clarification on the role of LULUCF, that will impact carbon budget recommendations.

The Chair invited Committee members to send relevant commentary to the Secretariat for inclusion in the technical report.

4. Discussion of numbers and communication to Council

The Committee provided feedback on the draft strawman report circulated by the Secretariat of the Committee's findings and analysis to date on carbon budgets against the agreed methodology.

The Chair invited Committee members to send any further comments on the draft technical report to the Secretariat.

The Secretariat will circulate a revised draft report to the Council for consideration at their meeting on 12th July.

The Committee agreed to an additional Carbon Budget Committee, the date and time will be confirmed by the Secretariat in due course.



Signed electronically on 09.09.2021