



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting – Committee on Carbon Budgets

MINUTES

Date: 28th June 2021

Start time: 14:30

Venue: Video Conference Meeting

Present: Marie Donnelly, John Fitzgerald, Patricia King, Gerry Boyle, Julie Sinnamon, Andrew Murphy, Bill Callanan, Peter Thorne, Eoin Moran, Alan Matthews, David Styles, Hannah Daly, George Hussey, Kevin Hanrahan, Lisa Ryan, Brian O’Gallachoir, Andrew Smith, Stephen Treacy, Trevor Donnellan, William Beausang, Trudy Duffy, Andrew Brownlee.

Apologies: Aoife Ahern, Laura Burke, Aoife Parker Hedderman, Jim Scheer.

Observer (s): Cara Augustenborg.

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

Presenters: William Beausang, Asst. Secretary General, DFHERIS; Andrew Brownlee, Chief Executive Officer, SOLAS; Hannah Daly, Researcher and Lecturer, MaREI UCC.

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 14th June were adopted and signed by the Chair electronically.

1.3. Update on activities

The Secretariat provided a recap of analysis completed to date against the criteria in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill and agreed methodology of the Committee when proposing carbon budgets.

The Secretariat advised the sectoral engagement meetings are ongoing and in order to allow for the Committee members acting as rapporteurs to present feedback to the Committee, a provisional Carbon Budget Committee meeting is proposed for Monday July 5th.

2. Responding to the Upskilling Challenge

DFHERIS and SOLAS presented an overview of the current government framework and responses to the upskilling challenges of the transition to a low carbon economy as well as preparations for the future demand in low energy sectors.

3. Employment in Ireland by NACE code and selected TIM scenarios up to 2030

UCD presented preliminary findings from the study on the impact of decarbonisation on employment sectors in Ireland using outputs from the TIM modelling scenarios which incorporates the 51% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030.

4. Feedback: Expert Meeting on Science

The Secretariat briefed the Committee on the feedback from the expert meeting on the science of national mitigation efforts, gases, and the 1.5C temperature goal of the Paris Agreement on Tuesday 22nd June.

Committee rapporteurs from Met Eireann have prepared a note on the meeting to be circulated to the Committee as part of the ongoing carbon budget considerations.

5. Sectoral Engagement Feedback: Agriculture

The Secretariat provided feedback to the Committee on the sectoral engagement meeting with the Agricultural sector on Thursday 24th June in order to inform further carbon budget analysis.

6. Allocation of budget over the first two budget periods in the energy sector

UCC presented an overview of alternate mitigation pathways for the energy sector's decarbonisation targets and the implications for state investment and carbon budgets.

7. Next steps on carbon budgets

The Secretariat provided a recap of the Carbon Budget Committee mandate and agreed methodology when proposing national carbon budgets.

8. Further discussion and feedback

The Committee discussed the provisional format of the official proposal which should include evidence of top down and bottom up analysis, comply with the criteria set in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill, and clearly illustrate pathways to meet the 51% emissions reduction target by 2030.

The Secretariat will circulate the first draft of the carbon budget proposal to the Committee for feedback at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee agreed to an additional Carbon Budget Committee meeting on Monday July 5th 2021.

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Signed electronically 05.07.21