

## **Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting - DRAFT MINUTES**

**Date:** 19th September 2018

**Start time:** 10:00

**Venue:** The Alex Hotel, 41-47 Fenian St, Dublin, D02 H678

**Present:** Professor John FitzGerald, Laura Burke, Professor Alan Barrett, Alan Matthews, Peter Clinch, Dr Jim Scheer, Frank Convery, Anna Davies, Ottmar Edenhofer (video link), Trevor Donnellan (observer).

**Apologies:** Edwina Love

**Secretariat:** Claire Camilleri, Dr Róisín Moriarty, Phillip O'Brien, Gemma O'Reilly, Dr Tadhg O'Mahony, Caroline Donnellan, Harriet Walsh, Dr Margaret Desmond.

**Presenters:** Bill Callanan, Maria Talbot, John Muldowney, Patrick Barrett, Robert Leonard, Vincent Upton, Fergus Moore, John Hogan, Sean Judge, Gerry Kenny, Frank McGovern, Karl Richards, Dr Michelle Cain, Professor Myles Allen, Ken Cleary, Laura Keaveney, Anna Cremins.

### **1. Opening of meeting.**

#### **1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 20.06.2018**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 20th June 2018 were adopted and signed by the chair.

#### **1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was adopted.

#### **1.3 Disclosure of Interests**

No disclosures.

#### **1.4 Chair's Report of Activities**

IWEA have asked Professor FitzGerald to speak at an upcoming meeting, the Council approved this meeting.

## **2. The Annual Review 2018**

The annual review was well documented in the media for several weeks after its release. Framing specific climate change issues, such as agriculture, could improve public engagement. How messages are communicated will be an important discussion point moving forward.

## **3. Department of Finance Presentation: Gerry Kenny, Sean Judge, John Hogan**

The Department of Finance presented on future plans for an anti-carbon bias in taxation including a new type of motor tax called the Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicle Test Procedure (WLTP) set to be rolled out in 2020.

## **4. Department of Public Expenditure and Reform: Ken Cleary, Anna Cremins and Laura Keaveney**

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform presented on the National Development Plan which will aim to set out mechanisms for spending for reaching our 2030 targets, on the concept of a carbon shadow price and green budgeting moving into the future.

## **5. Carbon Pricing**

The financial implications of the closure of Moneypoint were discussed. Understanding the benefit of unilateral action by all member states on carbon price floor was discussed. The Climate Change Advisory Council will host a Carbon Price Floor seminar on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018, confirmation of speakers is pending.

## **6. Council Administration**

Scenarios need to be discussed at a meeting with the Department of Communications, Climate Change and the Environment and extend and invitation to the Department to a Council meeting in 2019.

## **7. Agreed Outcomes**

Short update on plans for The Annual Review 2019 and plans for a small-scale study. Priority issues for the Council were identified with the idea finalising them over the coming months.

