



Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting - MINUTES
Date: 18.06.2026 Start time: 09:30 Venue: MS Teams
Present: Prof. Peter Thorne, Dr. Ina Kelly, Dr. Helen Hoyle (until 11am), Keith Lambkin, Jillian Mahon, John Spink, Conor Murphy (until 12pm), David Joyce, Kieran Craven (representing Dr. Darragh O'Neill), Dr. Julie Clarke. Secretariat: George Hussey; Dr. Stephen Flood; Marta Carrasco; Bryn Canniffe, Ciara Hilliard; Phillip O'Brien, Ben Macfarlane, Claire Camilleri. Agenda Item 5: Dr. James Carroll. Agenda item 6: Dr. Jimmy O' Keeffe, Dr. Brendan Dunford. Apologies: Prof. Robert Devoy, Mark Adamson, Sean McKeown.

1. Opening of Meeting (09:30)

The Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

a. Minutes for the Adaptation Committee (agreed)

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 7th May 2026 were approved.

b. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

c. Disclosures of Interest (no conflict)

There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Council Update (09.34)

The Chairperson provided an update on the main outcomes from the Climate Change Advisory Council meeting held on 28th May 2026.

3. Secretariat Update (09.47)

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

- Research updates.
- The National Adaptation Steering Committee meeting held on 9 June.
- Engagements with the DG CLIMA Director, OECD Economic Survey 2027, Dublin Port, and the Climate Adaptation Taskforce.
- The Built Environment and Planning Scoping Report.
- Progress on the Adaptation Action Assessment.
- Updates on the CCAC-Met Éireann Resilience Fellow and the damage register project.
- The OECD cross-country survey and report on individual behaviour.

4. Annual Review – Adaptation and Biodiversity (10:02)

The full draft of the Adaptation Annual Review 2026 was presented to the Committee for comment. Specific comments were provided on the case studies, as well as ownership and wording of the recommendations.

An initial draft of the Biodiversity Annual Review 2026 was also presented for comment. Feedback focused primarily on the recommendations, including discussion on which should be prioritised.

Both drafts were also circulated for written comments.

5. Building resilience rating document (10:30)

A scoping document on exploring the feasibility of Building Resilience Rating for Ireland, prepared by the Secretariat and the Central Bank, was presented for comments. Discussion focused on key issues for consideration, including data availability and granularity, the scope and purpose of the rating, assessment quality and consistency, stakeholder buy-in, legal implications, integration of vulnerability metrics, alignment with existing BER, and the potential impacts on housing values and insurance markets.

It was agreed that the Secretariat would engage further with the Central Bank to consider the feedback received and identify potential next steps for the project.

6. Thematic session on biodiversity and ecosystem services (11:20)

Dr. Jimmy O' Keeffe, Assistant Professor on Environmental Systems in DCU, presented on ecosystem services and Dr. Brendan Dunford presented on ReFarm, a nature-friendly farming not-for-profit organisation. The Committee discussed the delivery and scaling of nature-based measures with presenters, including challenges and opportunities relating to monitoring and verification, funding mechanisms, administrative requirements, farmer and community wellbeing, and the integration of nature and biodiversity considerations into policy and investment decisions.

7. Resilience recommendations for other annual reviews (12:20)

Second drafts of the resilience-related recommendations for the 2026 Annual Review chapters on Agriculture and the Built Environment were presented to the Committee, with minor comments provided. Initial drafts for the Industry and Waste, and Cross-sectoral chapters were also presented, with comments focusing on the ownership of recommendations and additional recommendations for consideration.

8. Any Other Business, agreed outcomes and plans for next meeting (12:55)

a) Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place online on 27th August.

The meeting closed at 13:00.



Signed electronically on 28.08.2026.