



Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting DRAFT MINUTES	
Date:	31.01.2018
Start time:	09:00
Venue:	McCumiskey House, Richview, Clonskeagh Road, Dublin 14
Present:	Mark Adamson, OPW; Laura Burke, EPA; Prof. Robert Devoy, UCC; Prof. John FitzGerald, Chair; Ciarán Hayes, CCMA; Dr Ina Kelly, HSE; Roger Street, UKCIP
Apologies:	Prof. Gerry Boyle, Teagasc; Jim Gannon, SEAI; Dr Conor Murphy, Maynooth University;
Secretariat:	Gemma O'Reilly, Dr. Róisín Moriarty, Phillip O'Brien, Claire Camilleri.
Observer:	Dr. Sarah Gallagher, Met Éireann
Presenters:	John O'Neill, Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment; Dr Margaret Desmond, UCC; Seán Hogan, Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government

1. Opening of Meeting

Prof. John FitzGerald opened the meeting.

1.1 Minutes of the Adaptation Committee Meeting 27.09.2017

The minutes of the meeting 27th September 2017 were accepted.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

1.3 Disclosure of Interests

National Adaptation Steering Committee in the assistance towards the preparation of the National Adaptation Framework. Dr Roger Street wished to declare his role in providing peer review of the draft versions of the National Adaptation Framework.

2. National Adaptation Framework

Following publication of the National Adaptation Framework on the 19th January 2018, John O'Neill, Principal in Climate Policy with the Department of



Communications, Climate Action and Environment presented the Framework. The establishment of Regional Climate Action Offices was also presented to the Committee, along with next steps in regards to sectoral adaptation plans.

3. Council Update

The Committee heard key outcomes from the meetings held on the 19th of October and the 13th December 2017, including the outcomes from the Council Work Programme discussion. The Committee were also invited to attend the Council's Behavioural Workshop to be held on the 28th February.

4. A Summary of the State of Knowledge on Climate Change Impacts for Ireland

Dr Margaret Desmond provided an update from the recently published *Summary of the State of Knowledge on Climate Change Impacts for Ireland* report. Key messages from the report were presented and discussed by the Committee. The Committee noted the importance of the report in understanding the adaptation challenges for Ireland.

5. Citizens' Assembly Update

An update on recommendations from the Citizen's Assembly based on the ballot questions related to Adaptation was provided to the Committee. The Committee discussed the ballot and noted the outcomes from the process, and look forward to viewing the full report on how the State can make Ireland a Leader in Tackling Climate Change.

6. Annual Review 2017 Launch

A short update on the launch of the Annual Review 2017 was provided to the Committee, including media coverage of the report.

7. Emergency Planning

Seán Hogan from the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management in the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government provided a



comprehensive presentation on Emergency Planning in Ireland, including an overview of emergency response to recent major weather events. The Committee noted the ongoing and significant work in this area.

8. Adaptation Committee Objectives and Work Programme

The Committee discussed their key objectives in the work that they do to inform the Council, and noted the importance of the recent development of the publication of the National Adaptation Framework, and the sectoral adaptation plans that will follow. The Committee identified areas requiring further information, and will look to add these areas to their work programme going forward.

The Committee also discussed the outline of the Adaptation Chapter for the Annual Review 2018. It was agreed that this should be recommended to Council as the basis for further development for inclusions in the Annual Review 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Doherty".

23/5/2018