



Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting - MINUTES
Date: 27.05.2025
Start time: 12:00
Venue: Salthill Hotel, Galway and MS Teams
Present: Prof. Peter Thorne (Chair); Mark Adamson; Dr. Julie Clarke (online); Prof. Robert Devoy; Helen Hoyle; David Joyce; Dr. Ina Kelly; Dr. Keith Lambkin; Jillian Mahon; Sean McKeown; Prof. Conor Murphy; John Spink; Roger Street (online).
Secretariat: Claire Camilleri; Bryn Canniffe; Marta Carrasco; Jodie Colgan; Dr. Stephen Flood; Ciara Hilliard; George Hussey; Phillip O' Brien.
Agenda Item 5: Enda Gallagher, Tina Ryan (Galway County Council).
Apologies: Dr. Conor Quinlan (alternate, EPA).

1. Opening of Meeting (12:00)

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

a. Minutes for the Adaptation Committee

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 27th March 2025 were approved.

b. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

c. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Council Update (12.02)

The Chairperson provided an update on the main outcomes from the Climate Change Advisory Council meeting dated 10th April 2025.

3. Secretariat Update (12.15)

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

- Sectoral Adaptation Plans
- Adaptation scorecard
- Summary of recent meeting with new DECC Principal Officer for adaptation
- Research updates
- Summary of recent international engagements

4. Draft Agriculture, Forestry and other Land Use Annual Review 2025 (12.40)

The Secretariat presented a summary of the resilience-related recommendations for the 2025 Agriculture, Forestry and Land Use Annual Review. The Committee members provided feedback for the Secretariat to address before the draft is taken further through the Council.

5. Presentation on Flood Risk Management initiatives in Galway (14.00)

Tina Ryan, Climate Action Coordinator with Galway County Council, provided a presentation on adaptation initiatives being undertaken in the county. Enda Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer with Galway County Council, provided a presentation on road raising works being undertaken in the Gort Lowlands catchment area. The Committee members thanked the officials for their presentations and a discussion was held on the challenges raised in the presentations.

6. Adaptation Workshop on Navigating Uncertainty (15.05)

The Secretariat presented a summary of the workshop held on 8th April on navigating uncertainty. The Committee were invited to provide comments on the summary report of the workshop before it is sent to the Council for approval to be published on the Council website. The Committee members also provided comments on research planned to further explore the possible application of the dynamic adaptive pathways approach in Ireland.

7. Zero draft of the Adaptation Annual Review 2025 (15.32)

The Secretariat presented the draft recommendations for the Adaptation Annual Review and invited comments on the zero-order draft of the Annual Review that was circulated to the Committee members in advance of the meeting. The Committee members provided feedback

on the recommendations that was to be addressed before sharing the recommendations with the Committee members for ranking via email.

8. Draft Industry, Waste and Built Environment Annual Review Recommendations 2025 (16.10)

The Secretariat presented a summary of the resilience-related recommendations for the 2025 Industry, Waste and Built Environment Annual Review. The Committee members provided feedback for the Secretariat to address before the draft is taken further through the Council.

9. Any Other Business, agreed outcomes and plans for next meeting

a) Any Other Business

No items were raised under any other business.

b) Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for 26th June virtually on MS Teams.

The meeting closed at 16.15.



Signed electronically on 26.06.2025