



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting

Date: 18.11.2021

Start time: 13:30

Venue: Video Conference Meeting

Present: Marie Donnelly (Chair), Laura Burke; Professor John FitzGerald, Patricia King, Andrew Murphy, Professor Peter Thorne, Eoin Moran (Met Éireann); Dr. Cara Augustenborg, Julie Sinnamon; Prof. Morgan Bazilian, Sinead O' Brien, Jillian Mahon, William Walsh (SEAI),

Agenda Item 6: Mazars joined for agenda item 6.

Apologies: Dr. Frank O' Mara (Teagasc). Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer

Secretariat: George Hussey, Phillip O'Brien, Gemma O'Reilly, Seán O'Leary, Dorothy Maguire, Ciara Hilliard, Laura Marenco, Thérèse Myslinski.

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 25.10.2021

The minutes were accepted with amendments.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by the Council.

1.3 Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interest.

2. Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan T.D.

The Minister thanked the Council members for taking up their appointments and for their work on the recent carbon budget proposals.

3. Annual Review 2021

The Secretariat outlined the main changes that have been incorporated into the Annual Review since the last draft was circulated to Council.

It was noted that the annex to the Climate Action Plan 2021 will not be released before the expected time of publication of the Annual Review 2021. Council suggested that further commentary will be required once the annex has been published.

Council adopted the text of the Annual Review 2021 subject to the agreement of minor amendments by email.

The Secretariat outlined the arrangements for submission of the report to the Minister and proposed arrangements for briefing a select number of journalists ahead of the release of the report to the wider media, possibly during the week commencing the 6th of December 2021 (tbc).

The Chair thanked all Council members for their input to the review.

The Council thanked the Secretariat for its substantial work in compiling the Annual Review.

4. Climate Action Plan

The Secretariat noted initial observations on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2021. The Council will submit individual comments on the CAP to the Secretariat before the 3rd of December.

The Council noted that the upcoming annex to the CAP is a vital element of the plan and will provide opportunity for more in-depth analysis.

This item will be on the agenda for the December Council meeting and the Secretariat will circulate a document to Council for that meeting based on a collation of the inputs from Members.

5. Work Programme Annual Publications and Timelines

The Secretariat introduced an initial draft of a proposed Work Programme and associated timelines for 2022 and noted that there would be further opportunity for Council to discuss this in December when the Council Budget for 2022 would also be discussed.

6. Development of Statement of Strategy

Dera McLoughlin from Mazars attended for this agenda item and presented the proposed approach to the development of the Statement of Strategy for the Council. Council accepted the proposed approach.

7. Chair's Report of Council Activities

The Council noted the report of activities and were advised that further activities of council members would be added to the record.

8. AOB

a) Assessment of Carbon Budgets media coverage from Carr Communications

The Council noted the contents of the report. Council members congratulated the Chair on her extensive media engagements.

b) FOI requests

Council noted that the Secretariat has three active FOI requests, all of which can be handled within the Secretariat.

c) Upcoming EEA webinar

The Chair noted the forthcoming online virtual discussion 'National Climate Change Advisory Bodies in Europe' hosted by the European Environment Agency which will take place on 2 December 2021. The invitation has been forwarded to all Council members.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maire C. Donnelly". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

16.12.2021