

## Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting - DRAFT MINUTES

Date: 21.05.2020

Start time: 10:00

Venue: Video conference

**Present**: Prof. John FitzGerald, Chair; Mark Adamson, OPW; Prof. Gerry Boyle, Teagasc; Laura Burke, EPA; Prof. Robert Devoy, UCC; Ciarán Hayes, CCMA; Dr Ina Kelly, HSE; Keith Lambkin, Met Éireann; Dr Conor Murphy, Maynooth University; Roger Street, Oxford University; William Walsh, SEAI.

**Secretariat**: Dr. Margaret Desmond, Seán O'Leary, Phillip O'Brien, Gemma O'Reilly, Claire Camilleri, Dr Sabrina Dekker.

Presenters: Paul Nolan (ICHEC), John McEntagart (EPA)

## 1. Opening of Meeting

## 1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting 02.04.2020

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 were agreed and signed electronically by the Chair.

## 1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was adopted.

#### 1.3 Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures to report.

#### 2. Council Update

The Adaptation Committee were updated on the Council outcomes from the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, including the Council's letter on carbon budgeting that was sent to the Minister and the Council's submission on the EU Climate Law. The Council has also agreed to participate in organising an upcoming workshop on Just Transition as part of the EEAC Annual Conference to be held in Dublin later this year. The Council also discussed the working paper on just transition, were updated on the transport chapter and continued work on the Annual Review. The Adaptation Committee were also advised that the Council would be making a decision at a meeting later today about delaying the publication of the Council's Annual Review until later in the year.

# 3. Engagement with Irish Centre for High-End Computing (ICHEC) on Ireland's Contribution to CMIP6 and High-Res Regional Climate Projections for Ireland

Dr Paul Nolan from the Irish Centre for High-End Computing (ICHEC) presented on Ireland's contribution to the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (phase 6) (CMIP6) for inclusion in the upcoming IPCC AR6 reports, and forthcoming results of downscaled regional projections for Ireland. The Committee discussed the impact of these projections for Ireland.

#### 4. Annual Review 2020

A draft of the adaptation contribution to Section B of the Annual Review 2020 was presented to the Committee, alongside key messages. A final draft of the adaptation and cities research undertaken in line with the Committee's work programme was also presented. The Committee thanked Dr Sabrina Dekker for her contributions on this work. The Committee

had a short discussion on the context of Covid-19. The possibility of meeting again before publication was also discussed.

## 5. Update on Climate Research Coordination Group

23.07.2020

John McEntagart, EPA who updated the Committee on the work of the Climate Research Coordination Group, including the 2019 report of the CRCG which is hoped to be published in mid-June.

#### 6. Agreed Outcomes and AOB

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The Adaptation Committee were informed about a meeting with Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on the National Policy on Architecture consultation. The Committee also noted the term of office being consistent with that of the Council. The Committee also noted the European State of the Climate report.

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