



## Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 14.10.2021

**Start time:** 13:30

**Venue:** Video Conference Meeting

Present: Marie Donnelly, Laura Burke (EPA) (for agenda items 1-3 only) , Professor John FitzGerald, Patricia King, Andrew Murphy, Prof. Peter Thorne, Eoin Moran (Met Éireann); Dr. Cara Augustenborg, Prof. Frank O'Mara (Teagasc), Julie Sinnamon, Prof. Morgan Bazilian; Sinéad O'Brien; Professor Ottmar Edenhofer; Jillian Mahon

Secretariat: George Hussey, Phillip O'Brien, Gemma O'Reilly, Seán O'Leary, Therése Myslinski; Laura Marengo, Ciara Hilliard

### 1. Opening of Meeting

#### 1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 22.09.2021

The minutes for the meeting held on the 22nd of September 2021 were accepted.

#### 1.2 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by the Council.

#### 1.3 Disclosure of Interests

Cara Augustenborg noted that she is a member of the Teagasc Signpost Programme Steering Group.

### 2. Council Membership

The Chair introduced and welcomed the new members of the Council - Dr. Cara Augustenborg, Jillian Mahon, Prof. Morgan Bazilian and Sinead O'Brien. The new members gave a brief description of their professional backgrounds.

### **3. a) Regulations Update**

It was noted that the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 (Greenhouse Gas Emissions) Regulations 2021 were made on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.

The Secretariat briefed the Council on the content and implications of the new regulations as outlined in meeting paper 3.2 Briefing Note on Regulation INF.

### **b) Pre final Technical Report and Letter**

#### Technical Report

The Council discussed the technical report and discussed further changes to be reflected in the document.

The Council discussed potential carbon budget proposals. After extensive deliberations the Council determined that a further elaboration is required to finalise the technical report and letter to the Minister.

The Secretariat would take account of comments submitted to them prior to the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> October and would circulate a further draft of the document that evening.

The Chair invited “red line” issues only to be submitted to the Secretariat by 11am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of October. ‘Red line issues’ only would be addressed at the meeting of the Council to be held on 25/10/2021 with a view to agreeing carbon budgets on this date.

The letter to the Minister would follow the same process as outlined in respect of the Technical Report.

The Council noted the analytical support provided by the Carbon Budgets Committee and agreed that the Chair should write a letter of thanks to the Committee members.

### **(c) Communications – strategy and website**

Further work is required around the preparation of messaging for all Council members. It was agreed that this item should be addressed in more detail at the meeting of 25/10/2021.

### **4. Annual Review 2021**

Council discussed the process of progressing the Annual Review and agreed to work towards finalising Chapters 1-8 by the end of October. This would complete the review.

It was noted that Chapter 9 may need to be redrafted further to the upcoming release of the Government’s Climate Action Plan.

Council deferred any further decision on this item to the Council meeting in November.

## **5. Chairs report of Council Activities**

It was noted that the media activity listed for 09.08.2021 in the 'Media Activities of Climate Change Advisory Council 2021 document was incorrect and should be removed.

## **6. AOB**

### **a) National Development Plan**

It was noted that the National Development Plan has been published.

### **b) COP 26**

The Chair discussed the draft letter of the International Climate Council's Network to COP26. The letter would be assumed to be approved by Council unless comments are received to the contrary by silent procedure by close of business on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

The Secretariat Manager advised that if any further Council members plan attendance at COP26, it needs to be finalised and communicated to the Secretariat as a matter of urgency as registration for COP is due to close in the coming days.



**25.10.2021**