



Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting - DRAFT MINUTES

Date: 02.04.2020

Start time: 10:00

Venue: Video conference

Present: Prof. John FitzGerald, Chair; Mark Adamson, OPW; Laura Burke, EPA; Prof. Robert Devoy, UCC; Ciarán Hayes, CCMA; Dr Ina Kelly, HSE; Keith Lambkin, Met Éireann; Roger Street, Oxford University.

Apologies: Prof. Gerry Boyle, Teagasc; Dr Conor Murphy, Maynooth University; William Walsh, SEAI.

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

Presenters: Seán Armstrong, Paul Hogan, Sarah Neary and Margaret Power, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government; Niall Cussen, Sinéad Mullen and John Desmond, Office of the Planning Regulator.

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting 12.12.2019

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 12th December 2019 were agreed and signed 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 Secretariat provided a verbal update from the Council meeting on 27th February 2020 where the Draft General Scheme of the Climate Action (Amendment) Bill 2019 was discussed. The Committee acknowledged the Local Government Management Association and County and City Management Association's publication 'Climate Change - Global issue, local leadership.' The Committee also acknowledged the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management's Review Report on Severe Weather Events 2017 – 2018. The Adaptation Committee also discussed the current pandemic and its impacts.

3. Engagement with Office of the Planning Regulator and Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (via VC)

The Planning Regulator and officials from the Office of the Planning Regulator joined the meeting. Officials from the Planning and Built Environment Advisory units of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government also joined the meeting. This item considered adaptation issues in spatial planning, building standards and the built environment.

This included a discussion on reform of the planning system and future guidance regarding climate change and development plans. It also considered how the building regulation system might address issues such as overheating. The Committee raised issues including the data and projections required to inform planning policy and building standards. The discussion will inform the Annual Review 2020 and the Committee's future work.

4. Annual Review 2020

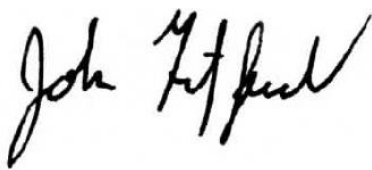
A first draft of the Adaptation Chapter of the Annual Review 2020 was presented to the Committee for discussion. The text will also be sent to the Council ahead of its next meeting. Recommendations from both Committee and Council will be incorporated and updated ahead of the next meeting.

A draft of the adaptation and cities research undertaken in line with the Committee's work programme was also discussed. It will inform the section on Irish cities in the draft Adaptation Chapter. The Committee recommended that the Council publish the final document as a working paper.

5. Agreed Outcomes and AOB

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for 21 May 2020.

In line with the Committee's work programme it is hoped that the agenda will include an engagement with ICHEC on Ireland's Contribution to CMIP6 and High-Res Regional Climate Projections for Ireland. It may also include an update from the Climate Research Coordination Group. It will also consider the adaptation contributions to the Annual Review.



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