

<b>Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting – DRAFT MINUTES</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>Start time:</b>	10:00
<b>Venue:</b>	Radisson Bly Royal, Golden Lane, Dublin 2
<b>Present:</b>	Prof. John FitzGerald (Chair), Prof. Alan Barrett, Prof. Gerry Boyle, Laura Burke, Prof. Peter Clinch, Joseph Curtin, Prof. Anna Davies, Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer, Jim Gannon, Prof. Alan Matthews
<b>Apologies:</b>	Prof. Frank Convery
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Dr. Róisín Moriarty, Gemma O'Reilly, Phillip O'Brien, Claire Camilleri, Dr. Jonathan Derham.
<b>Presenters:</b>	Jim Scheer, SEAI; Karl Purcell, SEAI; Prof Liam Delaney, UCD; Leonhard Lades, UCD.
<b>Behavioural Workshop Participants:</b>	Ina Kelly, HSE; Ciarán Hayes, CCMA; Sara O'Reilly, Met Éireann; Dr Aine Macken-Walsh, Teagasc; Barry Colleary, NTA; Ruth Doyle, MCo.

## **1. Opening of Meeting**

### **1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 13.12.2017**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were adopted and signed by the chair.

### **1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was adopted.

### **1.3 Disclosure of Interests**

### **1.4 Chair's Report of Activities**

The Chair outlined that as agreed at the previous meeting, a letter was sent to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding decarbonisation scenarios. Additionally, the Chair outlined a number of events including a meeting with Minister Naughten, and his involvement in the National Risk Assessment. He also identified that the Council has been approached to attend a review and an emergency response review of Irish Energy Policy by the International Energy Agency.

## **2. National Planning Framework and National Development Plan 2018-2027**

The Council discussed the publication of the National Planning Framework and the National Development Plan 2018-2027. The Council discussed the implications of both documents, and it was agreed that the Council would consider these documents in the preparation of the Annual Review 2018.

### **3. Price of Carbon**

An update on the work undertaken for the Council on the carbon floor price and the carbon tax was provided, with an outline of the work undertaken by UCC so far. It is hoped that a more detailed report will be provided of the next Council meeting. It was agreed that the price of carbon would be the special focus chapter of the Annual Review Report 2018.

### **4. Annual Review 2018**

The Council discussed the latest draft of the Annual Review 2018. Feedback was provided, with the Secretariat to incorporate comments ahead of the next meeting in June.

### **5. Ireland's National Energy Modelling Framework**

Jim Scheer, Head of Department, Low Carbon Technologies, SEAI presented the latest information on Ireland's National Energy Modelling Framework. He also discussed the compilation of data gathered in SEAI to help better understand the barriers for consumers in the commercial sector in the adoption of energy efficiency measures.

### **6. Behavioural Science Workshop**

The behavioural science workshop was presented by Prof. Liam Delaney and explored behavioural concepts explaining behaviour and how this relates to environmental change. Prof. Delaney discussed the challenges of climate change, and how we can best overcome these psychological barriers to inspire action.

Karl Purcell, lead researcher at the SEAI Behavioural Economics Unit presented a review of international precedent in regards to encouraging energy-related behaviour. This included how to encourage households to save energy, encouraging the installation of energy efficient measures, encouraging businesses to reduce energy use and changing transport behaviour.

A general discussion following on from the presentations with all participants at the workshop then followed. The Chair thanked all the participants for their time in discussing the themes presented.

### **7. Council Administration**

A short update was provided on the National Dialogue for Climate Action, with the date of the first Regional Gathering to take place in Athlone on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.

*John Fitzmaurice 20/6/18*