



<b>Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting – DRAFT MINUTES</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Start time:</b>	09:00
<b>Venue:</b>	McCumiskey House, Environmental Protection Agency, Richview. Clonskeagh Road, Dublin 14.
<b>Present:</b>	Prof. John FitzGerald (JF)(Chair), Prof. Alan Matthews (AM), Joseph Curtin (JC), Laura Burke (LB), Prof. Gerry Boyle (GB), Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer, Prof. Anna Davies, (AD), Prof. Peter Clinch (PC).
<b>Apologies:</b>	Frank Convery (FC), Jim Gannon (JG), Prof. Alan Barrett (AB).
<b>Secretariat:</b>	Dr. Frank McGovern (FMcG), Dr. Niall Farrell (NF), Dr. Róisín Moriarty (RM), Rory Kelleher (RK), Claire Camilleri (CC)

## **1. Opening of Meeting**

### **1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 were adopted and signed by the chair.

### **1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was adopted without changes.

### **1.3 Disclosure of Interests**

There were no disclosures of interest for this meeting.

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

The Chair outlined recommendations made by An Taisce in correspondence dated the 5<sup>th</sup> September and the subsequent response that was issued on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

The Chair outlined his participation at the Environment Ireland Conference on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September where he presented on 'A strategy for meeting Ireland's climate change challenge.'

The Chair reported on two meetings that took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> September:



- The Chair met with Mark Griffin, Secretary General of the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment. Frank McGovern of the Secretariat of the Climate Change Advisory Council was also present.
- The Chair met with IBEC's Energy Policy Committee.

The Citizen's Assembly and the national dialogue on climate change were also discussed.

## **2. First Report**

The Secretariat provided an overview of the final draft of the First Report. Council discussed the final draft, with focus on the executive summary and recommendations within the report. A process for the finalisation of the First Report was discussed, with key timelines addressed. The Secretariat will continue to finalise the First Report with final approval to be sought by the Council in the coming weeks.

## **3. Adaptation**

An update on the Adaptation Meeting was provided by the Secretariat, including key content for the First Report. The Council was provided with a short synopsis on the presentations made as part of the meeting.

## **4. Periodic Review and Report**

A verbal update on the Periodic Review and Report was provided to the Council, with an update on key information gaps and identified measures on how to address these, including the issue modelling outputs (such as TRAM and COSMO) and delegated responsibility to the Secretariat to follow up on these directly. A zero order draft will be prepared and presented at the next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## **5. Analytical Framework**

The Secretariat updated the Council on the Analytical Framework and the incorporation of recommendations from the previous meeting. The Council recommended that this be published as a working paper and posted on the Council's website.

## **6. Council Administration**

The Secretariat updated the FOI arrangements of the Council, with the key roles of:

- FOI Administration Support - Secretariat
- FOI Officer/Data Protection Officer: Joseph Curtin
- FOI Decision Maker: Peter Clinch
- FOI Internal Reviewer: John FitzGerald.



The Memorandum of Understanding between the EPA and the Climate Change Advisory Council was signed by both Laura Burke, Director General of the EPA and John FitzGerald, Chair of the Climate Change Advisory Council.

**7. Agreed Outcomes, plans for next meeting and AOB**

The Council were informed of the European Parliament's ratification of the Paris Agreement and the Agreement will enter into force on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The next meetings of the Climate Change Advisory Council will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

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