

<b>Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting – DRAFT MINUTES</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<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>	Rory Kelleher, Dr. Róisín Moriarty, Gemma O'Reilly, Phillip O'Brien, Claire Camilleri, Dr. Jonathan Derham.
<b>Presenters:</b>	Dr. Frederik Silbye, Chief Consultant, Klimarådet
<b>Observer:</b>	Dr. Frank McGovern (EPA)

## **1. Opening of Meeting**

### **1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 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**

Joe Curtin is working on research funded by NTR Foundation and Friends of the Earth, which is relevant to discussion of the ongoing renewable energy support scheme consultation.

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

The Chair outlined his presentation at the Citizens' Assembly in November, along with his attendance at the Nordic Embassies In Dublin event on Nordic policies regarding a green transition and sustainable energy. Prof. FitzGerald also presented at the Met Éireann conference in early December on the 'Tackling Climate Change and its Consequences.'

## **2. Citizens' Assembly on How the State Can Make Ireland a Leader In Tackling Climate Change**

The Council discussed the outcome of the Citizen's Assembly that was held over two weekends, and noted the final report is to be published in early 2018. The Council

discussed the importance of the sessions, and that the final report will be of interest to the Council.

### **3. Launch of Annual Review 2017 and Other National Developments**

A report of the media coverage following on from the launch of the Annual Review 2017 on the 5<sup>th</sup> December was presented to the Council. The Council also discussed the presentation of the National Transition Statement to the Oireachtas.

### **4. Council Work Programme**

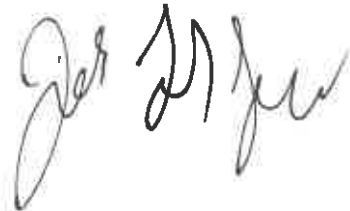
Following on from the October meeting, the Council decided to largely dedicate this meeting to discussing the strategy of the Council over the next 18 months to 3 years.

As part of these discussions, a presentation by Dr. Frederik Silbye, Chief Consultant from Klimarådet presented the Danish Council on Climate Change's experience to date. The Council discussed the similar challenges of both Ireland and Denmark, and welcomed the opportunity to learn from an international counterpart on not only operational matters, but broader climate change issues facing both countries. The Council thanked Dr. Silbye for his input.

The Council then discussed their own work programme for the short to medium term output, looking at the effectiveness of procedures and communication tools to date, including their timing. After significant consideration, the Council agreed on a number of areas to prioritise on the work programme, including decarbonisation scenarios and their importance; the price of carbon; agriculture and land use; transport; heat and behavioural change.

### **5. Council Administration**

The Chair noted that this was the last meeting of Rory Kelleher, who has been working with the Secretariat. He thanked Mr Kelleher for his input.

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