

**Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
**Start time:** 09:00  
**Venue:** Environmental Protection Agency,  
Richview  
Clonskeagh Road, Dublin 14.

**Present:** Mark Adamson, OPW (MA); Laura Burke, EPA (LB); Prof. Robert Devoy, UCC (RD); John FitzGerald, Chair (JF); Jim Gannon, SEAI (JG); Ciarán Hayes, CCMA (CH); Dr Ina Kelly, HSE (IK); Eoin Moran, Met Éireann (EM); Dr Conor Murphy, Maynooth University (CM); Roger Street, UKCIP (RS);

**Apologies:** Prof. Gerry Boyle, Teagasc (GB)

**Secretariat:** Dr. Frank McGovern (FMcG), Gemma O'Reilly (GOR), Dr. Róisín Moriarty (RM), Claire Camilleri (CC)

**Presenters:** Aoife MacEivilly, CER; Emer O'Gorman, Louth County Council, Paul Moroney, Galway County Council and Dr. Gerry Wardell, Codema; Eleanor O'Rourke, Marine Institute and Eamon Aylward, Dept of Agriculture, Food and Marine; Edwina Love, Maria Talbot, Ronan Gleeson, Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine; Ann Dunleavy and Laura Behan, Department of Transport.

## **1. Opening of Meeting**

Prof. John FitzGerald opened the meeting, outlining the role of the Committee.

### **1.1 Minutes of the Adaptation Committee Meeting 21.09.2016**

The Minutes of the meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 were accepted.

### **1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

### **1.3 Disclosure of Interests**

There were no disclosures of interests declared.

## **2. Launch of First Report**

The Secretariat provided a short review of the launch of the First Report and media coverage of the report.

## **3. Update on progress on adaptation planning by sectors and on NAF**

The Council were provided with a short update on the process required for the National Adaptation Framework, along with current non-statutory consultations that are underway.

**4. Commission for Energy Regulation**

Commissioner Aoife MacEvilly from the Commission for Energy Regulation provided an overview of the role of the Commission in regards to their interactions on adaptation issues with the electricity and natural gas sectors, as well as their role as the economic regulator for Irish Water. The Committee and the Commissioner exchanged views on a number of areas.

**5. Sector Update: Local Authority**

A presentation was provided on the suggested regional approach by local authorities in regards to addressing adaptation issues and planning measures. It was highlighted that there is significant links and some overlap in responsibilities. They are currently working on identifying the best structures to ensure that LA in each region works efficiently and effectively together. The Committee discussed the complexity of the relationships of local authorities with departments and other sectors, and acknowledged the importance of the ongoing work.

**6. The Costs of Climate Change**

Dr Thomas K.J. McDermott from the UCC and Grantham Research Institute (LSE) supplied a discussion document outlining the cost of climate impacts and adaptation for Ireland. The Committee discussed the paper, and agreed that it was important to factor not just financial implications into policy decision making, but the societal and individual costs of climate change.

**7. Sector Update: Marine Institute**

The Marine Institute along with the Department of Agriculture provided an update on the Marine sectoral plan. The Committee provided feedback on the plans and questions raised and discussed associated issues including sustainability of research and investment prioritisation.

**8. Overview of Sectoral Plan: Agriculture**

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine presented a range of issues that are outlined in the draft Sectoral Plan, and a discussion with the Committee highlighted the importance of identifying actions, ownership of actions and prioritisation and the challenges of informing people about adaptation and cross sectoral issues.

**9. Update on Sectoral Plan on Transport**

The Department of Transport provided an update on their Sectoral Plan, following on from their presentation to the Committee in September 2016. They informed the Committee of the developments in the Sectoral Plan, and that they have released the plan to progress the discussion. They outlined the contact that they have with their key stakeholders in bringing together the plan. The Committee discussed the common challenges identified across the sectors with the plans.

**10. Consideration of responses to the draft Sectoral Plans and consideration of further material for the Periodic Report.**

The Committee discussed the common themes that were identified throughout the presentations, and the options to respond to the draft Sectoral Plans. It was agreed to recommend to the Council that a response would be provided to the two sectors that have released non-statutory plans. The Committee provided feedback on the draft plan which was later communicated to the Council

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