

ASC Committee Meeting - Minutes

Date: Thursday 29th October 2015 | 09:30 – 12:30 | CCC Offices

Present: John Krebs (Chair), Sam Fankhauser, Jim Hall, Anne Johnson, Martin Parry, Matthew Bell

Apologies: Graham Wynne

Present for the item on FloodRe:

Brendan McCafferty (CEO of FloodRe), Mark Hoban (Chairman of FloodRe)

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last committee meeting were agreed. The Committee were informed that Defra had completed a sift of applications for the ASC appointments and interviews would be held within the next couple of weeks.

Lord Krebs highlighted that he had given a presentation on the role of the Adaptation Sub-Committee to the Environment Agency's board on 15th October.

It was noted that the four research projects were published on the week commencing 19th October. The first of a series of blogs on the CCRA had also been published, this one being an introduction to the next Climate Change Risk Assessment itself. Several more blogs summarising the results of the research projects are to be published in the next couple of weeks.

2. Government response to the ASC's first statutory report to Parliament

The Committee discussed the content of the Government's response to the ASC's first statutory report to Parliament, and the merits of further engagement on some of the issues highlighted.

3. FloodRe presentation

Brendan McCafferty and Mark Hoban presented an update to the Committee on the FloodRe scheme. This included details about the schemes aim, the timeline for beginning operation, and the potential for FloodRe to help build awareness of flood risk and to promote cost-effective flood alleviation as part of the planned 25-year transition to free market pricing.

4. Update on the Climate Change Risk Assessment

Members of the Committee discussed recent progress, including the structure and content of the 'Cross-cutting issues' chapter of the CCRA2 evidence report.

It was noted that the chapters had been sent for a first stakeholder review and that stakeholder meetings in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales had taken place.

The Committee also discussed the structure of a proposed ASC-authored synthesis document to summarise the headline messages of the evidence report.