

## ASC Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014

**Present:** John Krebs (Chair), Sam Fankhauser, Jim Hall, Anne Johnson, Martin Parry and Graham Wynne

**Apologies:** None

### 1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed without amendment.

### 2. Matters arising

Jim Hall, assisted by members of the secretariat will be providing oral evidence to the team conducting the DfT Transport Resilience Review.

### 3. Update on the Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017

The ASC has a statutory duty to advise Ministers in their preparation of the UK Climate Change Risk Assessment, which the Climate Change Act requires to be undertaken on a five-yearly cycle. The next report is due in 2017. The ASC will lead the production of the evidence report to inform this assessment, which will be published in 2016.

The secretariat provided an update on progress made with the CCRA project programme. The ASC call for evidence, which closed on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April, has received over 200 individual papers submitted by 75 organisations. The tender for lead contributors to the various chapters, which closed on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April, has attracted a number of high quality applications. The Committee made final decisions on its preferred candidates, which will be notified by the Secretariat shortly.

### 4. Update on 2014 report

The rest of the meeting focused on the analysis completed for the ASC's progress report being published in July 2014. The report will focus on the current and future risks from climate change to infrastructure, health, emergency planning and businesses. It will also feature an update of the science of climate change and reflect on last winter's flooding events and the latest policy changes.

The secretariat presented an update of the analysis being undertaken for each of the report's themes. This included the presentation of a number of charts and figures that could be used in the progress report.

The Committee gave a steer on the coherence of individual chapters in terms of structure and wording, and highlighted where further evidence should be sought. Committee members also reflected how the different themes could be brought together in the executive summary.