

ASC Committee Meeting

Thursday 18th January 2018 | 10:15 – 15:00 | CCC, 7 Holbein Place

Present: Baroness Brown (Chair), Jim Hall, Anne Johnson, Ece Ozdemiroglu, Rosalyn Schofield and Graham Wynne.

Apologies: none

Secretariat present: Adrian Gault, Kathryn Brown, Gemma Holmes, Andrew Russell, David Style, Jo Barrett, Steve Westlake and Indra Thillainathan.

Members' interests: Members' interests were reviewed, no updates necessary. Interests can be found on the CCC's website at: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/about/transparency/>.

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of 14th December were agreed without amendment.

2. Coastal report update

Jim Hall gave an introductory presentation on the challenges and issues relating to coastal adaptation as background. The secretariat then set out an updated version of the draft report. The committee made a number of comments and suggestions about the content and structure. It was agreed that the secretariat would continue to work on the draft and present it to the committee for comment over the coming months, as well as engaging them when relevant on the ongoing coastal research project.

3. SCCAP evaluation – update on the ASC's role

The secretariat gave an update on the next evaluation of the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme and the potential role of the ASC.

4. Update on 25 Year Environment Plan and Defra Planning for independent environmental standards body

The secretariat summarised the main goals and actions relating to adaptation from the 25 Year Environment Plan published a week before. The secretariat also updated the committee on the plans for establishing a new environmental standards body. The committee discussed how their role could relate to that of the new standards body and it was agreed that the secretariat would continue to discuss the plans with Defra officials.

5. External expert session: Mark Lewis (Barclays) – TCFD

Mark Lewis attended the meeting to discuss the recommendations of the Taskforce on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and developments in disclosure of climate risks. The discussion with the committee focussed on aspects relevant to the ASC's work such as the consideration of physical risks, supply chains and scenario analysis. The committee thanked Mark for attending.

6. External expert session: Daniel Johns – agricultural policies and priorities in Defra

Daniel Johns attended the meeting to discuss his role as deputy director for farming markets in Defra and upcoming milestones relevant to the ASC's work. The committee asked a number of questions for clarification and thanked Daniel for attending.

7. Farewell to Anne Johnson and Graham Wynne

Baroness Brown led the committee and Lord Krebs in expressing sincere gratitude to Anne Johnson and Graham Wynne for their strong support and dedicated service to the work of the committee over the previous eight years.

8. AOB and close

The next meeting is scheduled for 22nd February 2018.