

## **Minutes of CCC Meeting, 23/03/2018**

Present were John Deben, Julia Brown, Nick Chater, Rebecca Heaton (whole meeting except session 5), Brian Hoskins, Paul Johnson (whole meeting except session 5), Corinne Le Quéré, Jim Skea.

### Conflicts of interest

Committee members were reminded of the need to declare any conflicts of interest. In relation to the discussion of agriculture, Lord Deben declared that he receives payments for agricultural services. No specific interests were highlighted from those in the register of interests (<https://www.theccc.org.uk/about/transparency/>).

### **1. Presentation by Daniel Johns (Defra) on their post-CAP policy consultation**

Daniel Johns, former Head of Adaptation in the CCC secretariat and now Deputy Director of Farming Markets at Defra, presented to the Committee on their Command Paper on the policy landscape on leaving the Common Agricultural Policy.

### **2. Presentation by Prof John Barrett on distributional issues relating to energy bills**

Professor John Barrett from the University of Leeds presented to the Committee some recent UK Energy Research Centre work on UK energy bills and how climate and social policies are paid for.

The Committee found it notable that the lowest income decile pays out more in policy costs on their energy bills than is spent on the Carbon Savings Communities and Affordable Warmth schemes, which are designed to help the poorest households (£270m vs. £220m).

### **3. Agriculture – report scope**

The Committee is planning to publish a report on agriculture in 2019. The Committee discussed its scope. The two main themes must be to identify abatement potential for the sixth carbon budget advice in 2020, and to set out policies needed to deliver emissions reductions (focusing on how best to feed into Defra's thinking as it considers the policy landscape after CAP).

### **4. Aviation review**

This session set out options for how to approach the forthcoming review on aviation, including consideration of emissions projections, options to reduce emissions and policy levers. The Committee chose to take the work forward with a full update of its 2009 Aviation Review, in order to input into the Government's strategic thinking on aviation.

### **5. Bioenergy review – Supply scenarios and sectoral demands**

The secretariat provided an update on progress towards publication of the Bioenergy Review later in 2018, focusing on the latest evidence relating to future supply of bioenergy resources. The Committee agreed an approach to developing bioenergy supply scenarios to be used in the Review. The Committee outlined the need to set out clearly how and why our estimates for potential bioenergy supply differ from other estimates.

The secretariat also presented analysis on how bioenergy is currently used in the UK across each sector, on how this could evolve over time, and areas of uncertainty that we are currently exploring in our analysis.