

Adaptation Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday 27th March 2020, 9:30 – 15:00 | Virtual meeting

Present: Baroness Brown (Chair), Ece Ozdemiroglu, Rosalyn Schofield, Mike Davies, Georgina Mace, Richard Dawson.

Secretariat present: Kathryn Brown, Chris Stark, Mike Thompson, Gemma Holmes, Brendan Freeman, Andy Russell, David Style, Jo Barrett, Tom Dooks, Charles Odunuga.

Other attendees: **Members' interests: Members' interests were reviewed. There were no changes made. 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 28th February meeting were agreed without amendment.

2. CCRA3 research projects emerging results – water availability (Eleanor Hall and Chris Counsell, HR Wallingford)

Members of the CCRA3 water availability project team updated the Committee on the emerging results and answers to the research questions. The Committee made suggestions for the project team to incorporate in the next version of the draft report.

3. CCRA3 research projects emerging results – flooding projections (Paul Sayers, PS Associates)

The project team working on the flood projections for CCRA3 updated the Committee on the emerging results, and outlined the timeline to completion. The Committee provided feedback for how the results could be best presented in the draft report.

4. Discussion on **Defra's domestic** adaptation package for COP26 and 2050 Vision for adaptation (Lara Langston, Honor Sangster and Natasha Hayman, Defra)

Defra provided an update to the Committee on its work scoping options to strengthen its domestic adaptation package for COP26, as well as its broad 'Vision' for longer-term strategic direction to adaptation policy making. The Committee provided guidance on possible revisions to the structure of the Vision.

5. **Discussion on integrating adaptation into Defra's ELM scheme (Ece Ozdemiroglu)**

The Committee was provided with an update on the Environmental Land Management (ELM) policy discussion document. The content of the document was discussed, with a focus on the level adaptation and mitigation considerations within the scheme. It was agreed the secretariat a joint CCC adaptation-mitigation letter to Defra outlining its thoughts on the general coverage of climate change within ELM, for review at the April meeting.

6. Adaptation narratives continued (Mike Thompson)

The secretariat continued its update on ongoing work to develop and refine the adaptation narrative. The discussion centred on options to present key adaptation narratives as concise messages.

7. AOB

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 24th April 2020.