

Joint meeting of CCC Mitigation and Adaptation Committees

Present: John Deben, Keith Bell, Julia Brown, Piers Forster, Rebecca Heaton, Corinne Le Quéré, Pete Betts (as an advisor), Chris Stark, Rosalyn Schofield, Ece Ozdemiroglu, Michael Davies, Richard Dawson, Kate E Jones (as an advisor).

Climate Change Committee

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Held: Virtual meeting by Zoom

1. Conflicts of interest and general updates

Committee members were reminded of the need to declare any conflicts of interest.

Dr Rebecca Heaton announced her intention to step down from the CCC at the end of June, shortly before the end of her contractual term. She will take up a new role at Ovo Energy this summer as Group Director of Sustainability.

2. Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta FRS FBA

Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta joined the meeting to discuss the findings of, and answer questions about, his independent Review of the Economics of Biodiversity, commissioned by HM Treasury and published in February 2021. The Review, which had global scope, found that our economies and societies are fundamentally reliant on nature and that 'good economics demands that we manage it better'. The Review makes a number of recommendations for doing so.

2. 2021 Progress Report: Joint mitigation and adaptation statement

The Committee discussed the joint statement to appear at the beginning of both volumes of this year's Progress Report which covers both mitigation and adaptation action. This included considering updated analysis from Climate Action Tracker on the likelihood of keeping global temperature rise below 2°C by 2100 (compared to pre-industrial levels). The Committee agreed an overall structure for the joint narrative and to include joint recommendations for Government departments covering both adaptation and mitigation action. The secretariat were asked to make the proposed changes and circulate a final draft for sign off.

3. Communications 'Fit for the future' strategic review

The CCC secretariat presented the proposed terms of reference/scope for a planned strategic review of the CCC's communications and engagement function in the second half of this year. The review aims to assess the Committee's communications and engagement needs for the coming two to three years, culminating in a new strategy document at the end of 2021/early 2022. As the CCC shifts its attention to delivery, the review seeks to assess if and how the CCC's communications and engagement objectives, tools, skills and resources should adapt to meet the challenge. Committee members welcomed

the initiative, agreed with its scope, and suggested areas for additional focus and consideration.