

Adaptation Committee Meeting

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

Member interests: www.theccc.org.uk/about/transparency

Date: 25th March 2022, 10:00 – 15:00

Held: Virtual meeting by Zoom

Climate Change Committee

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1. Conflicts of interest and other updates

The minutes of the 18th February 2022 meeting were agreed without amendment.

Interviews have been completed for the three recently advertised Adaptation Committee roles. Defra ministers would shortly be appointing new Committee members. The successful candidates will join the Committee later this year.

The Committee discussed the recent 'Climate Conversation' events across the country and the issues which has arisen particularly in the visits to Kent and Bristol and Taunton.

There were no other matters arising.

2. Targets for the 25 Year Environment Plan

The secretariat provided a brief presentation of the recently published draft targets outlined under the Environment Act. The Committee considered the targets and how best to respond to the consultation.

3. ARP Assessment

The secretariat presented the final draft of the Adaptation Reporting Powers (ARP) evaluation to the Committee. This included a discussion on the key messages to include in the executive summary as well as a discussion to agree which recommendations would be made in the report. The Committee made several suggestions to how the recommendations would be framed.

The Committee asked to review a final draft of the report before it was shared with Defra.

4. SCCAP Assessment: Feedback following publication

The secretariat provided an update on the reaction to the recently published assessment of progress against the second Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme and Just Transition briefing which was published alongside it. The report received good coverage across media outlets and was referenced in Scottish Parliament. The Just Transition briefing equally received positive feedback which pleased the Committee.

5. Mitigation Progress Report

Members of the international team in the mitigation secretariat joined for this session.

The secretariat provided an update on the plans for the international chapter of the mitigation progress report, to be published in June 2022. The Committee considered whether to include a recommendation that Government recognises that we must consider a changing climate in plans to achieve Net Zero.

6. Finance Report

The secretariat presented to the Committee the proposed workplan for a new 'Financing Adaptation' report. The Committee discussed the workplan, the scope of the project, and provided some early recommendations on specific topics.

The report is planned to be published in Q4 2022.

7. Adaptation Pathways

The secretariat presented a working paper to the Committee on adaptation pathways.

8. AOB

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday 29th April 2022.