

Adaptation Committee Meeting

Present: Baroness Brown (Chair), Ben Caldecott, Mike Davies, Richard Dawson, Kate Jones, Ece Ozdemiroglu, Nathalie Seddon, Swenja Surminski.

Apologies: Rosalyn Schofield.

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

Climate Change Committee

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Date: 29th April 2022, 10:00 – 15:00

Held: Hybrid meeting – 1 Victoria Street and Zoom

1. Conflicts of interest and other updates

The minutes of the 25th March 2022 meeting were agreed without amendment.

The Committee welcomed new members Dr Ben Caldecott, Professor Nathalie Seddon and Dr Swenja Surminski. There is a three-month crossover period between new and departing members to ensure continuity.

There were no other matters arising.

2. Work programme outlook

The secretariat presented an update on ongoing projects and plans for the fourth Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA4) and the third National Adaptation Programme. The Committee discussed options for the next statutory adaptation progress report in 2023. It was agreed that the secretariat would provide a further update on plans for CCRA4 at the next Committee meeting.

3. Environment Act – Draft Targets: Draft position paper

The secretariat presented ideas for a letter in response to Defra's consultation on environmental targets. It was agreed the secretariat would revise the content and work towards publishing the letter in June.

4. External speaker: National Infrastructure Commission climate resilience remit (Sir John Armitt, James Heath)

Sir John Armitt and James Heath presented an overview of the NIC's approach to the second National Infrastructure Assessment and how resilience and climate change risks are incorporated and discussed this with the Committee.

5. Adaptation Briefings: Overheating

The secretariat presented the key messages and sections of a briefing on the risks to health and productivity from high temperatures and adaptation measures in response. It was agreed the secretariat would revise the content and work towards publishing the briefing later this summer.

6. Scoring of recommendations for mitigation progress report

The secretariat presented an overview of how adaptation will be covered in the 2022 mitigation progress report and suggestions for scoring the responses to last year's adaptation progress report recommendations. It was agreed that the secretariat would circulate the full set of recommendations by government department to the Committee for further comment. The 2022 mitigation progress report will be published on 29th June.

7. AOB

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday 20th May 2022.