

Climate Change Committee Meeting

Present: Lord Deben, Corinne Le Quéré, Keith Bell, Michael Davies, Piers Forster

Apologies: Paul Johnson

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

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Climate Change Committee

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1. Conflicts of interest

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

2. UK Climate Conversation

Louise Marix Evans, a consultant who had been contracted to support the Climate Conversation visits to a number of Local Authorities from across the UK, presented to the Committee an overview of the Climate Conversation and summary of recurring themes and issues from the visits. Topics covered included the role of public engagement, the importance of place in climate action, the role of partnerships and trust, and the challenges of funding and governance in delivering Net Zero. The Committee agreed that the priority recommendations from the 2020 Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget report continue to be relevant today.

3. Progress report sign-off: key messages and executive summary

The secretariat presented draft progress report key messages and executive summary, which had been circulated in advance, for sign off. The Committee provided feedback on the key messages and the tone of the summary, as well as requested specific changes to wording and inclusion of additional points.

The Committee agreed that around 35 of the recommendations should be identified as priority recommendations, to be presented in a table immediately following the executive summary, with the full set of recommendations presented in an annex to the report. They further requested that a table containing brief descriptions of the priority recommendations be included in the Summary.

The Committee asked that a further version of the executive summary, taking into account these comments, be circulated by email for approval by correspondence.

4. Fair funding and affordability

The secretariat and consultants from Frontier Economics presented an update on the fair funding and affordability work programme. Frontier Economics reported on a model developed for the Committee that will help examine the impact on households and the Exchequer of different decarbonisation policies from

residential buildings and surface transport. The presentation highlighted certain risks for the Committee when this model is published if end-users were to misinterpret the results or misuse the options for funding within the model, as well as options to mitigate these risks. The Committee voiced a preference for greater flexibility in the model alongside clear guidance and warning notes for the user, rather than constraining the options for funding within the model.

5. Including nitrogen trifluoride in carbon accounting

The secretariat reported to the Committee that a letter had been received from BEIS, in relation to the proposed the inclusion of nitrogen trifluoride in carbon accounting under the Climate Change Act. The Committee requested further information on its inclusion, and decided to agree a response to the BEIS letter by correspondence following clarifications from BEIS.