

### Climate Change Committee Meeting

**Present:** Lord Deben (Chair), Keith Bell, Michael Davies, Piers Forster, Corinne Le Quéré

**Apologies:** Paul Johnson

**Member interests:** [www.theccc.org.uk/about/transparency](http://www.theccc.org.uk/about/transparency)

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022, 09:30-14:00

**Held:** In person – 1 Victoria Street, London

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#### 1. Conflicts of interest, minutes of the previous meetings

Piers Forster raised a potential conflict of interest: he is involved in two of Defra's 22 landscape nature recovery projects, through the University of Leeds (his employer) and the charity United Bank of Carbon, of which he is a trustee. It was agreed details would be sent to the CCC secretariat.

No comments were received on the draft minutes for the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November circulated for approval.

#### 2. Recent policy announcements

The secretariat provided an update on recent policy announcements following the Chancellor's Autumn Statement, particularly those related to energy demand and energy efficiency. The Committee agreed with the assessment of new policies and proposal to put out a short response to these. They requested that a response highlight the need for simple messaging and to monitor the effectiveness of messaging, and the importance of extending advice to businesses as well as households.

#### 3. Energy supply report

The secretariat presented on developing analysis to inform the report on how a reliable decarbonised electricity and hydrogen system could be delivered by 2035, as committed to in the 2022 Progress Report. The presentation covered emerging results of the consultant's modelling, focusing on the scale and types of flexibility needed to balance a renewables-based electricity system, and the role and production of hydrogen within this. Wider enablers, and the importance of ensuring the electricity system is resilient to a changing climate were also highlighted. The Committee agreed to aim for a publication date for the report in February 2023.

#### 4. Post-COP27 update and reflections

Following publication of the CCC's COP27 assessment, the secretariat presented an outlook on future international pathways analyses to support the Committee's advice, and the Committee discussed emerging themes following the COP27. A brief summary and discussion of the recent CCC visit to the Denmark Climate Council followed.

#### 5. External speaker: Pete Betts

Former adviser to the CCC, Pete Betts gave an overview of a book he is writing reflecting on his experiences in UN climate negotiations, covering topics including the politics of climate change and delivery of climate action.

The Committee thanked Pete for his insightful contributions.

#### 6. Northern Ireland targets advice

The secretariat presented on emerging analysis to inform the Committee's advice to the Northern Ireland Executive on annual and interim targets and the first three Carbon Budgets, due to be published in early 2023. Topics covered included updates to sector specific pathways and the role of anaerobic digestion.

The Committee agreed with the approach to the report proposed by the secretariat.

#### 7. AOB

The Committee expressed their gratitude to outgoing Director of Analysis, Mike Thompson, for his contribution to the work of the Committee over 15 years.