

Minutes of Climate Change Committee Meeting

Present:

Lord Deben (Chair), Keith Bell, Michael Davies, Piers Forster, Paul Johnson, Corinne Le Quéré, Nathalie Seddon.

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

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Climate Change Committee

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No new conflicts of interest were raised. The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.

The Committee reflected on recent Government announcements and media reports.

1. Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA)

The secretariat presented updates on the Government's recent consultation on a 'Review of Electricity Market Arrangements', and the findings of an Expert Group the Committee commissioned to feed into this process. Key discussion points included the link between gas and electricity prices, implications of decarbonisation for electricity market design, and potential overlaps between approaches to address both immediate and longer-term priorities.

The Committee asked for the expert group report to be formally submitted to the REMA process, and agreed to revisit this topic once the Government has published their response to the REMA consultation.

2. Workers and Skills

The secretariat presented an update on the workers and skills work programme, including plans for the Advisory Group Chair's report and key conclusions from the analytical report. The session briefly covered work plans for the theme before presenting key outputs and messages from the upcoming analytical brief.

The Committee agreed to sign-off the analysis through Champions in November. The Committee also requested: to further differentiate between the categories of Net Zero impacts, in particular to highlight conditional growth in jobs; and to bring out the challenge that is job creation.

3. Update on energy prices and buildings decarbonisation

The secretariat presented an update on the planned briefing about energy bills and residential decarbonisation. Areas discussed included key messages and planned exhibits.

The Committee agreed with the suggestion of highlighting the potential for fiscal benefits from a push to reduce energy demand and suggested additions to the

exhibits presented, including to highlight capital costs and emissions savings of particular energy efficiency measures.

4. Workplan, team structure and research priorities

The secretariat presented an overview of the team changes at the CCC and proposed short- and long-term work plans, including planned research projects and initial consideration of the Seventh Carbon Budget.

The Committee welcomed the restructure of the team to better integrate mitigation and adaptation work, and endorsed the research plans. They requested that the longer-term workplan be revisited at future Committee meetings over coming months.

5. International Climate Councils Network update

The secretariat presented an update on the work of the International Climate Councils Network (ICCN) following the plenary meeting on 4th and 5th October. Momentum and commitment remains strong – the EU climate advisory council has officially joined as a member, working group briefing notes are being finalised, there will be an ICCN statement and presence at COP27, and the ICCN membership approved plans to keep pursuing funding options for a resourced ICCN secretariat.

6. AOB

No additional items were raised in AOB.