

### Climate Change Committee Meeting

**Present:** Lord Deben (Chair), Keith Bell, Michael Davies, Piers Forster, Corinne Le Quéré. Nathalie Seddon present for items 1-2 and 7.

**Apologies:** Paul Johnson

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

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**Held:** Online

Climate Change Committee

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No new conflicts of interest were raised. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

#### 1. External Speaker: Chris Skidmore MP

Chris Skidmore MP joined the Committee meeting and spoke about the Net Zero Review he had Chaired which was published on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. The Committee then discussed the report's findings and recommendations. Topics covered included the role of local authorities, governance across government on delivering Net Zero, and international implications.

#### 2. Organisational forward Look

The secretariat presented an update on the new team structure and workplans over the busy period until the UK progress report in June. The Committee agreed to come back at a future meeting to discussing the work plan from the summer onwards.

#### 3. Plans for UK Progress Report

The secretariat presented plans for the 2023 Progress Report to Parliament. Topics covered included the overarching vision for the Progress Report, possible changes to the report structure, and the process for Committee input in producing the report. The Committee agreed on some of the potential topics for focus. They also gave initial agreement on early plans for format and presentation of recommendations and indicators in the report.

#### 4. Reform of domestic EPC rating metrics

The secretariat presented on recommendations for reform of domestic EPC rating metrics, covering the analysis that had been undertaken by the team and proposed recommendations. The Committee raised some concerns about the recommendations, including: that the proposals would increase complexity; and whether sufficient consultation had been undertaken. The Committee suggested identifying one metric as key for consumers, and that adaptation issues should be covered. The Committee agreed to publication of a letter and annex, to be sent to relevant UK and Scottish ministers.

#### 5. Northern Ireland target advice

The secretariat presented an update on the analysis to inform the Committee's advice to the Northern Ireland Executive. This included presenting pathway options and proposed pathway for setting targets. The Committee agreed to the approach outlined by the secretariat, and suggested some additional commentary to put into the report.

#### 6. International forward look and PACT engagement

The secretariat presented plans for international work in 2023 covering input into the Progress Report which included seeking the Committee's view on input to the process for determining the UK's next Nationally Determined Contribution. The secretariat also provided an update and forward look on the CCC's outreach supporting middle income countries through the UK Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (UK PACT) programme.

#### 7. AOB and close

Professor Piers Forster raised the possibility of inviting Professor Myles Allen to speak to the Committee at a future Committee meeting about the role of fossil fuel companies paying for carbon removal. The secretariat agreed to try and arrange this in the next meeting or after the Progress Report. Lord Deben raised the importance of engaging with the farming community about the impacts of livestock on the climate.