

## Climate Change Committee Meeting - Mitigation

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

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

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**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023, 09:30-15:00

**Held:** Virtual, Zoom

1. Mitigation Committee: Minutes of the previous meetings and conflicts of interest

No new conflicts of interest were declared.

The minutes of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February were approved.

2. UK Progress Report overview

The secretariat presented on the overall approach and contents of the 2023 UK Progress Report. The committee agreed recommending the Government develop alternative plans with emphasis on meeting the 2030 Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). The Committee also agreed to ask the Government for quantification of some of the currently unquantified plans and to stress the importance of not banking any surplus in the Third Carbon Budget.

3. UK Progress Report: Global Picture chapters

The secretariat presented on the global picture chapters for the 2023 Progress Report. The Committee discussed recommendations related to UK exit from the Energy Charter Treaty, noting the nuance about capacity for reform. They also discussed recommendations on disruptions to Overseas Development Assistance, the impact of new fossil fuel projects on the UK's international reputation and the inclusion of international aviation and shipping in the next NDC.

4. Surface transport

The secretariat presented on the surface transport chapter of the Progress Report, covering Government ambition, proposed indicator and policy assessments and recommendations. The Committee agreed with proposed framing around the risk of increased reliance on technology and the importance of developing demand-side policies. The Committee agreed recommendations would focus on actions to deal with emerging issues, particularly on charging infrastructure, charging reliability and cost, and addressing the increasing size and weight of vehicles.

5. Buildings

The secretariat presented on the buildings chapter of the Progress Report, covering policy assessment scores, priority recommendations and commenting

on hydrogen for heating. The Committee agreed stronger recommendations around skills and training enablers, the need to contextualise the recent fall in emissions, and for clear and simple messaging around the use of hydrogen for heating.

## 6. Industry

The secretariat presented on the industry chapter of the Progress Report, covering risk scores and assessments, recommendations and key issues. The committee agreed with all the risk scores and assessments. They also agreed that steel should be treated separately and that messaging needs to be prominent about the opportunities to decarbonising industry and the risks of off-shoring emissions.

## 7. Fuel supply

The secretariat presented on the fuel supply chapter, covering the inclusion of a new sub-sector on fossil fuel extraction, assessment scores low-carbon hydrogen and bioenergy, and recommendations around fossil fuel extraction. The Committee agreed to downgrade scores for both low-carbon hydrogen and bioenergy and for continued development of recommendations. The Committee agreed to return to recommendations on fossil fuel extraction at the following meeting.

## 8. AOB and close of meeting

The secretariat requested a volunteer to review the waste chapters in the UK Progress Report and agreed to follow up to find a Committee member.