

Minutes of Adaptation Committee Meeting

Present: Baroness Brown (Chair), Richard Betts, Ben Caldecott, Michael Davies, Richard Dawson, Nathalie Seddon, Swenja Surminski,

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

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Climate Change Committee

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1. Updates, conflicts of interest and minutes of previous meeting

The Committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting. No new conflicts of interests were raised.

2. COP28 & COP report publication plans

The international team updated the Committee on the plans for publication of the CCC COP28 report and briefly presented on the new Framework for the Global Goal on Adaptation. The Committee discussed the implications of the Goal for the UK and their wider reflections on the COP28 negotiations and outcome.

3. Champions discussion

Baroness Brown introduced the subject of Committee champions and the aim of updating our list of Committee members to work areas. Committee members asked for clarification on the role of champions and where they were needed. It was agreed to come back at the next Committee meeting with a longer discussion on the subject. The secretariat will circulate the champions guidance ahead of that.

4. Climate resilience in National Infrastructure Assessment 2 (Margaret Read and Tom Hughes - NIC)

Margaret Read and Tom Hughes presented to the Committee on the resilience conclusions of the recent second National Infrastructure Assessment. The Committee discussed the conclusions and recommendations of the report and the opportunities for the two organisations to work together over the coming years.

5. Stakeholder strategy

The Secretariat presented a paper of stakeholder engagement including proposed approaches and the role of the Committee. The Committee fed back on this and suggested what roles they would like to play.

6. NAP3 response

The Committee received an update on analysis to produce a response to the third National Adaptation Programme in the spring. The committee provided further steers on how to develop the analysis and recommendations for the Secretariat to consider.

7. Supply chains resilience (Judith Batchelar)

Judith Batchelar gave a presentation to the Committee on the importance of the cold supply chain and the nature of threats that it faces from climate hazards. She emphasised the role of the cold chain in maintaining food safety and quality, and answered the Committees questions about which aspects of the system were most vulnerable and the merits of nature-based solutions.

8. AOB

No other business was raised.