

Minutes – Climate Change Committee

Date: 23 July 2024
Held: 1st Floor, 10 South Colonnade, Canary Wharf
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Present: Piers Forster (Chair), Keith Bell, Michael Davies, Steven Fries,
Corinne Le Quéré
Apologies: Nigel Topping

1. Conflicts of interest and minutes of previous meeting

The Committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no new conflicts of interests declared.

2. Engagement with the new Government

Update from the Secretariat on plans for engagement with the new Government. Committee offered support and suggestions.

3. Update on emerging findings from citizens panel

The Secretariat presented on emerging findings from the citizens panel which had just concluded, noting these were not the findings from formal analysis but the immediate insights from the Secretariat members who attended all the sessions. The Committee discussed how to incorporate the citizens' reflections into the Seventh Carbon Budget advice. The Committee also agreed on the value of doing further deliberative research, and on the potential for using the findings to inform.

4. CB7 aviation pathway – final decisions

The Secretariat presented final pathway aviation analysis. The Committee signed off on a final approach to aviation analysis.

5. CB7 residential buildings first pass pathway

The Secretariat presented the residential buildings sector pathway and discussed several issues and options to explore for sensitivity analysis.

6. CB7 energy supply sensitivities

The Secretariat presented options for energy supply sensitivity runs and discussed a priority order for these with the Committee. The Secretariat also presented an approach for modelling the future of gas networks, which was agreed with the Committee.

7. PSED update

The Secretariat presented findings from the cross-sector review of how Seventh Carbon Budget pathways might impact on groups with protected characteristics, with proposed areas of focus for a further evidence review over the summer. The Committee approved of the plan and asked the Secretariat to consider both positive and negative impacts.

8. CB7 cross-economy pathway

The Secretariat presented options for possible additional actions to the pathway. The Committee agreed a priority order for these. The Committee also discussed the total level of direct air capture and the use of imported biomass in the pathway.

9. AOB

No additional items were raised by the Committee.