

Climate Change Committee Meeting

Present: Piers Forster (Interim Chair), Keith Bell, Michael Davies, Steven Fries, Corinne Le Quéré, Nigel Topping, Swenja Surminski (joined for item 6)

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Climate Change Committee

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1. Mitigation Committee: Intro to session, minutes of the previous meetings and conflicts of interest

The Committee welcomed Steven Fries to his first committee meeting. The Committee approved the minutes of the previous meetings. There were no new conflicts of interests announced.

2. People and Business Team

The Secretariat presented on the structure, role and recent work of the People and Business team, alongside an approach to navigating their scope going forward. The Committee were content with the proposed approach.

3. Fairness, who pays and who benefits

The Secretariat presented their workstream on fairness and distributional impacts in climate policy. This included a discussion of definitions of fairness, types of advice this may result in, and existing distributional impacts work. The Committee discussed the most suitable terminology and gave feedback on future directions, including a focus on distributional impacts, accessibility and affordability.

4. Seventh Carbon Budget: people and business

The Secretariat presented an overview of the People and Business team's contributions to the Seventh Carbon Budget, including outputs and plans to support sector teams. The Committee discussed the proposed approach and gave feedback on the planned outputs.

5. Behaviour change and public engagement

The Secretariat presented on their green choices and public engagement workstream. Workstreams included a new approach to labelling behaviour change for the Seventh Carbon Budget and work on deliberative processes. The Committee agreed with the labelling approach and gave feedback about other priorities.

6. Private sector action

The Secretariat presented the objectives, scope and outputs of the Business workstream. The Committee indicated support for proposed work to consider

'cross-sector' deep dives, evidencing technology transitions and topical issues related to business.

7. Planning

The Secretariat were joined by researchers from the Centre for Sustainable Energy and Town and Country Planning Association who presented an overview of the joint mitigation and adaptation commissioned research on the opportunity of the spatial planning system to deliver Net Zero and adaptation. The Committee discussed the findings and priorities for planning reform.

8. AOB

No additional items were raised by the Committee.