

Climate Change Committee meeting

Present: Piers Forster (Interim Chair), Keith Bell, Michael Davies, Steven Fries, Corinne Le Quéré (for items one to four), Nigel Topping, Nathalie Seddon (for items one to four)

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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 approved the minutes of the previous meetings. There were no new conflicts of interests declared.

2. COP28 & COP report publication plans

The secretariat gave a summary to the Committee on the publication plans for the CCC COP28 report. The Committee then briefly reflected on the key messages of the report and forthcoming areas in international climate policy.

3. Proposed champion reallocations

The Committee broadly agreed with the proposed allocation of champions over sectors and cross-cutting issues. They agreed to have an additional champion on agriculture and land due and to more explicitly cover co-benefits with champions.

4. CB7 Cross-cutting decisions for meeting current targets in CB7 pathway

The Committee discussed various cross-cutting interactions for CB7 pathways and the optimum way to ensure they reach current targets. The Committee agreed on the importance of a pragmatic approach to imports of certain resources. The secretariat will come back to a later meeting with modelled pathways to re-discuss these issues before concluding.

5. CB3 roll-over letter

The Committee approved of the broad approach of the letter advising that the Third Carbon Budget surplus should not be carried forward.

6. Policy packages and impacts

The Committee provided feedback on Secretariat plans to develop several illustrative policy packages, with which to assess the range of potential fiscal and distributional impacts of the transition to Net Zero. The Committee highlighted the importance of including a range of public expenditure and different kinds of policy interventions in the illustrative policy packages. The Committee was supportive of the Secretariat testing its analysis with external stakeholders.

7. Scotland Progress Report

The Secretariat presented on the key messages of the 2023 Scotland Progress Report. The Committee agreed with the general assessment and suggested adding some recommendations and options to get back on track to the executive summary.

8. AOB

No additional items were raised by the Committee.