

Minutes of Adaptation Committee meeting

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

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

Date: 8 December, 10:00 – 12:30

Held: Virtual meeting by Zoom

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. CCRA built environment deep dive

The Secretariat presented the high-level methodology and stakeholder list for the deep-dive on urban climate resilience. This included key questions to help refine the project scope. The Committee agreed that the project should focus on heat risks in urban environments specifically and suggested that modelling should be nested, to allow for analysis from the street to city scale.

3. CCRA health deep dive

The Secretariat presented the high-level methodology and stakeholder list for the health CCCRA deep dive. Two options were presented. Option A covered the impact of heat across all healthcare such as care homes, emergency response and greenspace Option B focussed narrowly on how heat and flooding affect specifically hospital healthcare delivery. After considering the pros and cons, the Committee steer was to pursue the larger and more challenging option A, and ideally including social care and cascading risks. The Committee agreed to consider the appropriate stakeholders offline (for example UKHSA was mentioned).

4. CCRA infrastructure deep dive

The Secretariat presented the high-level methodology and stakeholder list associated with the deep-dive on economy-wide water scarcity. The Committee suggested refinements to the methodology, in particular on the scope of the solution space and the inclusion of nature-based solutions. The Committee also proposed some industry and local government stakeholders to engage.

5. CCRA economy deep dive

The Secretariat presented the high-level methodology and stakeholder list associated with the deep-dive on cold supply chains, which include supply chains for some perishable foods and pharmaceutical goods. They highlighted the importance of considering the international dimension and looking at distribution. The Committee asked for the Secretariat to return with a more

detailed proposal – with further consideration in particular of the relevant metrics which might be used to assess the level of risk, and to invite an external expert to discuss the topic in a future Committee meeting.

6. Public sector equality duty

The Secretariat presented on the CCC's Public Sector Equality Duty and proposed an approach for ensuring the Seventh Carbon Budget and Fourth Climate Change Risk Assessment is compliant with the CCC's obligations. The Committee signed of this approach.

7. AOB

No additional items were raised.