

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. Supply chains deep-dive

The Committee endorsed a two-staged tender approach and recommended a case study-based assessment of specific aspects of the supply chain of particular interest, which would allow for consideration of relevant spatial and contextual information. The Committee noted that it would be necessary to incorporate levels of food production in different warming scenarios and suggested integrating existing analysis of this. Assessing impact based on a metric of inflation was proposed and the Committee also emphasised the importance of early collaboration with the sector to steer the analysis and facilitate data sharing.

3. CCRA launch

The Committee agreed to the proposed 8 May launch date and the proposed products: pre-recorded explainer/launch video, the call for evidence to be issued via the Technical Report delivery consortium and a note providing an overview of CCRA4 methodology.

There was brief discussion of the targeted stakeholders for the launch. RB suggested there should be, as with CCRA3, more than one call for evidence, with the first happening on launch day. Also noted by SS that we should ensure the integrity of any AI tools used to sift evidence. RD requested that the evidence submission process should be simple. RB proposed to help with CfE once the technical report delivery contract is active (from 20 March).

4. NAP3 response

The Committee discussed the draft version of the planned output on the Third National Adaptation Programme, providing numerous steers on the content and presentation. A discussion was had on how best to bring out the key messages in a way impactful for target audiences.

5. Extreme weather stress tests for power modelling

The Committee discussed the scope and methodology for a project which will explore the vulnerability of the UK power system to adverse weather. The Committee discussed ensuring the legacy of the project through transparently setting out the methodology and making the data available to key stakeholders such as DESNZ and National Grid ESO.

6. Champion discussion continued

The Committee had a follow-up discussion on the role of Committee champions and the proposed allocation of Committee members to champion areas. They discussed the value in champions also taking part in stakeholder engagement in their areas and asked for a distinction to be made between championing and reviewing work areas.

7. AOB

The Chair suggested the meeting on Friday 17 May be in-person rather than online. Committee members agreed.