

Minutes – Adaptation Committee

Date: 21 February 2025
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Present: Baroness Brown (Chair), Richard Betts, Ben Caldecott, Michael Davies, Richard Dawson, Chris Evans, Hayley Fowler, Marina Romanello, Nathalie Seddon, Swenja Surminski

Apologies: None

1. Introduction, minutes of the previous meeting and conflicts of interest

The Committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting. No new conflicts of interest were reported.

2. UK Progress Report 2025

The Committee provided comments on a draft of the future progress report. The secretariat will take on board the Committee input and steers into the further development of the report draft.

3. Policy analysis

The Secretariat presented a proposed approach to developing policy recommendations in the WA-UK Report. This included key principles for recommendations, typologies of policies and enablers, and key considerations. The Committee gave steers on the key principles and provided input to develop the typologies and considerations further.

4. Technical Report: State of the Climate

The chapter authors for the State of the Climate chapter of the Technical Report provided the Committee with an update and a draft version of an individual hazard, as an example of what the chapter could look like. The Committee shared feedback on the draft.

5. Floods workstream investment analysis and adaptation options

The Secretariat presented the options for the key priority questions for the investment modelling component of the floods workstream of the WA-UK report, and checked the Committee were

happy with contingency plans and the focus of the accompanying synthesis. The Committee provided steers on the prioritisation and plans for the analysis going forward.

6. Cooling events

Richard Betts presented a discussion on the potential for cooling events (e.g. volcanic eruptions) to have an impact on the UK's climate. The Committee agreed to further consider what the implications of such events would be and what actions policy could take as part of a rounded adaptation strategy.

7. AOB

No additional items were raised by the Committee.