

CCC publishes first Annual Report and Accounts

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The Committee on Climate Change (CCC) today published its first Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2009. The CCC is an independent organisation whose role is to advise the UK Government and Devolved Administrations on climate change. The CCC was set up as part of the UK's Climate Change Act, which came into law on 26 November 2008.

The report sets out the progress that has been made by the CCC since its inception, including the advice on the 2050 target and carbon budgets which were published in the CCC's inaugural report: *'Building a low-carbon economy in the UK'*. So far, all of its recommendations on climate change have been accepted by Government.

The report also summarises the CCC's business objectives and deliverables for the coming year, including the first progress report to Parliament to be published in October, and a review of UK aviation emissions and policy commissioned by the Department for Transport to be published in December. It details other analytical work that the CCC will be completing on emissions reduction opportunities in agriculture and business, a review of the UK's low-carbon Research and Development framework, and advice to be given to the Devolved Administrations in Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales on emissions reduction targets and strategies.

The CCC's commitment to reducing its own carbon emissions is detailed in the document which sets out four commitments to sustainability and a series of measures that the CCC has already taken to reduce its impact on the environment.

The CCC is sponsored by the Department for Energy and Climate Change, the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Devolved Administrations. It has an annual budget of just over £4 million. This supports its analytical and research work, salaries and running costs for a secretariat of around 30 full-time staff.

The CCC is made up of a board of eight members and is chaired by Lord Turner. An Adaptation Sub-Committee has recently started work at the CCC. This is chaired by Lord John Krebs and will be publishing its work-plan in October 2009.

Chair of the CCC, Lord Adair Turner said:

“We have achieved a great deal in our first year, setting ourselves up as an independent organisation and producing advice for Government on what the UK’s long-term and nearer-term climate change goals should be. There is still a huge agenda to tackle and I look forward to working on this with the Committee and the Secretariat. I would like to welcome Lord John Krebs and the other members of the Adaptation Sub-Committee who have recently joined us and who will help with development of a UK climate change risk assessment and programme”.

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Notes to editors

Committee on Climate Change (CCC)

The CCC is an independent body established under the Climate Change Act to advise the Government on setting the first legally binding carbon budgets, and to report to Parliament on the progress made in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The CCC also advises on what the UK’s long-term climate change target should be as a fair contribution towards a global deal.

- The CCC’s Annual Report is available to download online from the CCC’s website: www.theccc.org.uk/ or to buy from the TSO site at: www.tso.co.uk/
- Copies of the report have been laid before UK and the Devolved Administration’s Parliaments and can be obtained from their house libraries.
- The CCC’s progress report will be published on 12 October 2009, and its Aviation review on 8 December 2009.
- Limited numbers of the CCC’s Annual Report and Accounts were printed to reduce its impact on the environment. The report was printed using 100% recycled paper, from FSC certified sources.

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