

Minutes of CCC Meeting - 09/10/09

Present were Adair Turner, Jim Skea, Julia King, Sam Fankhauser, Brian Hoskins, Michael Grubb, John Krebs and David Kennedy.

1. First report to Parliament on progress meeting carbon budgets

The Committee signed off on the progress report, which was adjusted to reflect discussion at the previous Committee meeting and written comments.

The Committee agreed the presentation for the report launch event.

The Committee agreed an outline of the report press release.

2. UK Aviation review

The Committee considered a presentation setting out analysis for the aviation review / report to be published in December.

The Committee agreed that a wide range of possible business demand reduction due to increased use of videoconferencing in the period to 2050 should be reflected in emissions scenarios.

The Committee agreed that a cautious approach to the use of biofuels in aviation is appropriate given concerns over sustainability. The Committee agreed that the range of scenarios for aviation biofuels penetration in 2050 should cover 10%-30%.

The Committee considered analysis of the non-CO2 effects from aviation including NOx, contrails and induced cirrus. The Committee agreed that inclusion of these effects could make the UK aviation target more difficult to meet. The Committee will not, however, recommend that the UK framework should be changed to include aviation non-CO2 effects at this stage.

The Committee agreed that the target should be regarded as binding (i.e. not to revisit the issue of whether credits might be used to close a gap between emissions and the target).

3. Advice to the Welsh Devolved Administration

The Committee considered draft advice to the Welsh Devolved Administration on its draft climate change strategy and agreed:

- To welcome the very ambitious Welsh targets for emissions reduction
- To highlight the need for further analysis to identify emissions reduction opportunities in Wales
- To stress the need for policy tightening to unlock emissions reduction potential (as in the case of the UK).