

2020 Climate Group

Notes from 3rd meeting on 31st August 2010 – BT Offices, Edinburgh

Present: Ian Marchant, John Sturrock, Martin Valenti, Lady Susan Rice, Helen Bogan, Dave Gorman for Dr Campbell Gemmell, Sam Greer for Brian Soutar, Ian McKay, Michael Tracy, Brendan Dick, Lynne Ross, George Baxter, Iain Fleming, Professor Bob Kalin, Mike Robinson, Dr Simon Pepper, Tony McElroy, Clare Montgomery for Jo Bucci, Gordon Grant, Douglas Sinclair, David Wilson, Ronnie Hinds, Gordon McGregor for Nick Horler, David Lee, James Withers and Jane Wood.

Apologies: Professor Jan Bebbington

In attendance: Jim Walker from the Climate Group.

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Discussion and action points

Ian Marchant (hereinafter referred to as the chair) The Group welcomed three new members, Professor Bob Kalin, Tony McElroy and Douglas Sinclair. The Group also welcomed Jim Walker from the UK Climate Group who are an independent, not-for-profit organization working internationally with government and business leaders to advance smart policies and technologies to cut global emissions and accelerate a clean industrial revolution.

Actions update from previous meeting

All actions from the last meeting were completed. Ian mentioned that since the last meeting a new sub-group has been formed to look at Waste and Resource use in Scotland. The new waste sub-group is chaired by Michael Tracey and Calum MacDonald

Scottish Government updates

Updates were given from the Scottish Government on the following issues:

- Report on Proposals and Policies
- Public Engagement Strategy
- Short Life Working Group on Annual Targets

Ian Marchant mentioned that he had a meeting with David Wilson to discuss the RPP and where perhaps the 2020 Group and sub-groups could support the Government.

Ian mentioned that the discussion focused on purpose, content and layout of the RPP document suggestions on the layout was to have 3 separate but connected documents.

The first document would be the glossy vision setting document establishing in broad terms “what it is we are trying to achieve and why and how this would help Scotland to be a more greener, safer, wealthier and healthier nation. It would put in context what the targets mean internationally and what transformation changes are required in Scotland to achieve the vision and not necessarily talk a lot about carbon or emission reductions etc.

The second document could describe the role of KPI’s in helping Scotland realise the vision using clear and basic language. You could use a simple red, amber and green indexing to highlight progress. It is important that the KPI’s are designed to over achieve the 42% targets to allow for a flexible approach to tackling issues. Having red at a specific KPI does not necessarily mean we will not achieve the 42% targets but it may mean we need to chance our tactics etc.

The third document would encompass all the technical data that backs up the chosen KPI’s which in turn support or direct the flow of actions. Perhaps the CCC could prepare an annual report on the KPI’s to make sure movement is going in the right direction?

Ian mentioned that 2020 members both as a group and individually can play a key role is by taking specific KPI’s from document 2 and making a pledge or some sort of commitment to help deliver the action or range of actions etc. For example SSE could look at renewable energy issues etc. Stagecoach my wish to consider transport KPI’s and so on. Ian mentioned that David and his team were still in the process of deciding on aspects of the RPP but the 2020 group clearly can add significant value to the report and we are keen to be involved.

Ian suggested that the sub-groups should look to develop a range of KPIs for the RPP and send to Martin who will work with Lynne and George to collate and send to David for consideration. **Action:** Co-chairs to work with their groups to devise a range of KPIs and send to Martin and Lynne. Martin and Lynne to pull together all KPIs and share with the Scottish Government.

Updates from 2020 sub-groups

Updates were given from the sub-group co-chairs and it was agreed that for future meetings all sub-groups would draft comprehensive updates for circulating as papers. **Action:** Co-chairs to send update to Martin.

- Public and Business Engagement Finance
- Transport
- Built Environment
- Challenges and Opportunities
- Land and Forestry
- Waste and Resource
- Finance

2020 Action Plan, funding update and member contributions

Martin reminded all to contribute to the draft action plan that was on the website. The action plan will include a prioritised issues list for each sub-group. **Action:** All to revert to Martin with updated actions from sub-groups.

Update from Public Sector Climate Action Group

Ian McKay attended the last meeting of the PSCAG and gave an update on their activities and it was agreed that both groups should work closer together on specific initiatives. **Action:** Martin to liaise with Alastair Montgomery who provides support to the PSCAG.

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