



ALL PARTY GROUP ON  
**CLIMATE ACTION**

## MINUTES

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22 March 2023 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

At: Virtual

**Members in attendance:** Eóin Tennyson MLA (Vice Chair), Kelly Armstrong MLA, Cllr Roisin Lynch, Cllr Billy Webb, Cllr Stephen Dunlop, Cllr Martin Gregg

**In attendance:** Nichola Hughes, Francesca Di Palo, Gordon Best, Martin Hearty, Karin Eyben, Peter Brown, Declan Allison, Kate Livingstone, Caitlin Sullivan, Catherine Hunter, Michael Laverty, Anne Artt, John Woods, Pete Greenwood, Catherine Kilgallen, Rebekah Corbett, Anne Ford, John Early, Elaine Smith, Michelle Farmer, Colin Duff, Karen Smyth, Tiziana O'Hara, Marcella Kinsella, Emmet McDonagh-Brown, Debbie Caldwell, Robert McCreery, Marie-Louise Gaile, Lynsey Daly, Garth Brown, Andrew Frew, Clare Bailey, Ciarán Fox, Karen Arbuckle, Ryan White, Alan Wardle, Emma Stubbs, Daniel Egerton, Jayanta Mondol, Debbie Hurson, Amy Bell, Jane McCullough, Bob Hanna, Christine Watts, Andrew Benfield, Joseph Carter, Emer Rafferty, Sara Lynch, Patrick Thompson, David Gavaghan, Martin Blayney, Victoria Magreehan

**Apologies:** Kate Nicholl MLA, John Blair MLA, Cara Hunter MLA, Cllr Maeve O'Neill, Cllr Rachel Woods, Cllr Terry Andrews, Cllr Robert Irvine

**Chair:** Eóin Tennyson MLA

**Minutes:** Nichola Hughes

<b>1</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
<b>1.1</b>	Eóin Tennyson ( <b>ET</b> ), Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that he was filling in for Kate Nicholl, Chair, who was unable to attend due to illness.
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	Apologies were recorded.
<b>2</b>	<b>Meeting Admin</b>
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting on 25 January 2023</b>
	Minutes of the meeting on 25 January were approved: proposed by Eóin Tennyson ( <b>ET</b> ); seconded by Cllr Billy Webb ( <b>BW</b> ).
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Matters arising from meeting on 25 January 2023</b>
	The only matter arising from the previous meeting was the Chair requesting a briefing on the Energy Strategy and we are pleased to say that DfE colleagues accepted the invitation and will provide a briefing today.
<b>3</b>	<b>Presentation: Climate Action at Belfast City Council</b>

	<p><b>ET</b> welcomed Debbie Caldwell (<b>DC</b>), Climate Commissioner at Belfast City Council, who delivered a presentation on climate action and activities at Belfast City Council.</p> <p>Presentation:  <a href="https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/Presentations%2022%20March%202023.pdf">https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/Presentations%2022%20March%202023.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Contact:</b>  Debbie Caldwell (<a href="mailto:caldwelld@belfastcity.gov.uk">caldwelld@belfastcity.gov.uk</a>)</p> <p>A group Q&amp; A followed. See <a href="#">recording</a>.</p> <p><b>ET</b> thanked <b>DC</b> for her presentation.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Presentation: Northern Ireland Energy Strategy Update</b></p> <p><b>ET</b> welcomed Ryan White (<b>RW</b>), Director of Heat, Buildings &amp; Climate Change at the Department for the Economy, who delivered a presentation on the Northern Ireland Energy Strategy.</p> <p>Presentation:  <a href="https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/Presentations%2022%20March%202023.pdf">https://www.sustainableni.org/sites/default/files/Presentations%2022%20March%202023.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Contact:</b>  Ryan White <a href="mailto:Ryan.White@economy-ni.gov.uk">Ryan.White@economy-ni.gov.uk</a></p> <p>A group Q&amp;A followed. <a href="#">See recording</a>.</p> <p><b>ET</b> thanked <b>RW</b> for his presentation.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Examining the impact of the collapse of the Executive on Northern Ireland's climate change objectives</b></p> <p><b>ET</b> noted that a paper outlining the format of a proposed inquiry / stakeholder consultation exercise into the impact of the collapse of the government on climate action in Northern Ireland has been drafted and will be circulated following the meeting, deferring a decision to the next meeting.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>ET</b> highlighted the fact that March marks the one year anniversary of the NI Climate Change Act being passed. He also outlined key recommendations from the Advice Report from the UK Committee on Climate Change on the Path to a Net Zero Northern Ireland, published on 2 March 2023.</p> <p>View report: <a href="https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/advice-report-the-path-to-a-net-zero-northern-ireland/">https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/advice-report-the-path-to-a-net-zero-northern-ireland/</a></p> <p>No further items of business.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Summary and close</b></p> <p><b>ET</b> thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 14.02.</p>