

## ASC Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**Present:** John Krebs (Chair), Sam Fankhauser, Jim Hall, Anne Johnson, Martin Parry and David Kennedy.

**Apologies:** Graham Wynne.

### 1. Minutes of last meeting / matters arising

The Committee approved the minutes of the last meeting.

Lord Krebs reported on his meeting with the Rt Hon Owen Patterson MP (Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) on adaptation to climate change, and the impacts of extreme weather events. Mr Patterson highlighted the importance of providing access to farmers on advice to take advantage of opportunities presented by climate change.

Lord Krebs also reported on his meeting with Dieter Helm (Chair of the Natural Capital Committee) and Ian Boyd (Chief Scientist at Defra).

Lord Krebs informed the ASC of his letter to Colin Church (Director at Defra) on the ASC's role in the next CCRA. The letter highlighted the importance of drawing on ASC's expertise in this area, and avoiding duplication of work.

The Secretariat informed the ASC of the impending launch of the National Adaptation Programme report on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013. The report will be launched by Lord de Mauley. Lord Krebs will be speaking at the event.

### 2. Executive Summary of ASC 2013 Progress Report

The Committee discussed the draft version of the executive summary for its 2013 progress report. The Committee emphasised the need for clear messaging on the policy implications of the analytical findings.

The progress report is to be published on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013. The report will assess how England is managing its land resources given the challenges and risks posed by climate change.

### 3. ASC 2013 Progress Report launch and press notice

The Committee discussed arrangements for the launch of the 2013 progress report scheduled to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2013.

The Committee discussed and suggested changes to the press release to better reflect the content of the report.

#### **4. Chapter 6**

The Committee discussed the final draft of the Chapter and suggested improvements to the text.

#### **5. Chapters 1-5**

The Committee approved final drafts of the chapters, suggesting a few minor changes to the text.