

Minutes – Third Oversight Group Meeting

Date: 30 October 2025
Held: online

Present:

Kathryn Brown (Wildlife Trusts), Sara Zuin (Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation), Steve Boyd (DAERA), Lisa Constable (Network Rail), Rachel Clyde (DAERA), Kate Kipling (Environment Agency), Kay White (ClimateXChange Scotland), Rob Wall (British Property Foundation), Catriona Laing (Scottish Government), Esther Gordon-Smith (National Highways), Alison Smith (University of Oxford)

Representatives from Ipsos, Sciencewise and CCC secretariat.

Content:

1. Introductions and agenda review

The Chair opened the meeting, and the agenda was agreed with no additional items added.

2. Status update

The CCC provided a summary of how key points raised in the last Oversight Group meeting had been actioned and responded to follow-up questions from Oversight Group members.

3. Preliminary findings

The CCC gave a summary of preliminary findings from the panel sessions (detailed analysis and reporting was still ongoing) and the Oversight Group had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss insights. Oversight Group members expressed that findings are broadly in line with principles from other panels and findings from wider social research. Several Oversight Group members highlighted research that will help triangulate the insights from the panel with wider polling research.

4. Evaluation findings

Ursus gave an overview of preliminary findings from the external evaluation, highlighting that the final evaluation report will only be produced about six months after the publication of the panel report, to be able to assess impact. Oversight Group members asked follow-up questions and reflected that other panels found similar reflections from participants, especially in relation to their levels of surprise and shock when learning about current and future climate impacts in the UK.

5. Next steps – publication and dissemination

The CCC Secretariat shared plans outlining where the panel's findings will be incorporated within the structure of the Well-Adapted UK report. They also highlighted that Ipsos will produce a detailed research report, as well as a shorter report as a summary for policy makers and shared plans for dissemination events. The Oversight Group had the opportunity to raise any key insights they wished to ensure were considered in the reports.