

Public Questions
Scrutiny for Policies and Place – 05 April 2019

Item 8 Climate Change Strategy:

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Q1 The Meteorological Office use a variety of Climate Models including:

“HadCM3: Met Office climate prediction model

HadCM3 is a coupled climate model that has been used extensively for climate prediction, detection and attribution, and other climate sensitivity studies.

HadCM3 stands for the Hadley Centre Coupled Model version 3.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/modelling-systems/unified-model/climate-models/hadcm3>

Will the Task and Finish Group utilise the resources of the Met Office, The Environment Agency and other Climate Science bodies (Universities etc) and also consider studying Campaign Organisations’ mobilising methods – for example the “Campaign Against Climate Change” (<https://www.campaigncc.org/>)?

Q2 How will the Task and Finish Group take account of climate change sceptics - see this quote from Campaigncc.org website?

“Those who actively promote climate scepticism are well networked, and have been termed 'deniers' rather than sceptics because many show scant regard for the facts, while seizing avidly on any error in the work of climate scientists. This article discusses the psychology of climate change denial. To gain an understanding of the level of scientific consensus on climate change, a recent study examined every article on climate change published in peer-reviewed scientific journals over a 10-year period. Of the 928 articles on climate change the authors found, *not one of them disagreed* with the consensus position that climate change is happening or is human-induced.”