



PWS CUSTOMER GROUP PAPER

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Agenda Item:
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The PWSCG are asked to:

1. Note the report of the virtual meeting of the PWS Assurance Group (PAG), held on 27th March 2020;
 2. Agree to hold an extraordinary PAG meeting to discuss the sessions missed once the current crisis abates
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Report to the PWSCG of the 14th Meeting of the PWS Assurance Group

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, a lack of available PAG members and the social distancing measures which meant that the group could not get together, slides and papers were sent around members for comment and discussion. Following a teleconference between Duncan Potts, Denise Harker, Colin Hord and Sarah Davies, further questions were sent to the Met Office for clarification. This note summarises the PAG members discussions, feedback and subsequent Met Office responses.

The PAG:

- agreed that PPM5 (International) and PPM6 (National Capability) have been met;
- requested that the group would like to hold the sessions which have been postponed as soon as we can, and that an extraordinary PAG should be held at a later date. This should include
 - The finance 'deep dive'. The information we were sent as part of the paperwork was very light on detail
 - The international session. We would like to expand that to discuss the international PPM, and how we ensure we are getting value for money from the international aspects of PWS, especially ECMWF and EUMETSAT
 - The science session
 - A data deep dive
 - PWSCG risk register

- were pleased to be informed that forecasting accuracy is increasing, especially with regard to maximum temperatures, visibility and low cloud verification. However, the group would like to maintain the pressure on this, especially the maximum temperatures;
- noted the MOSAC report and raised some points that should be taken forward in future PAG's
 - Science partnerships
 - Next Generation Modelling System
- Requested further information regarding Met Office COVID-19 plans. Letters have been sent to PWSCG members, and a further update will be given at the April PWSCG meeting

