



Met Office Board

Summary

October 29th 2009

- The minutes of previous meeting were agreed and highlighted actions closed.
- The implementation of the Seasonal Forecasting Review (discussed at previous meeting) was noted to be under way.
- The CE's report covered progress in achieving KPTs
- The CE's report also covered the launch of Clear Flight, an update on the BBC contract and tendering process, the good news regarding recently signed contact with AFWA for Horace V provision, the various web developments and the visit of Kevan Jones MP to the Flood Forecasting centre.
- Julia Slingo discussed the collaborative working and progress with the JULES – Land Surface Model, the activity of the international team following on from WCC3 regarding the creation of a Global Framework for Climate Services and also the great success of the 4 degree climate impacts poster produced for the FCO.
- The Board discussed the Lawton Report, commissioned by DECC and Defra on the Met Office Hadley Centre. The main points of the report were summarised, but it was noted that the report was not yet formally published.
- The finance report looked in depth at the ROCE KPT and commercial KPI3 and recognised the challenging trading conditions in the current financial climate.
- The Board noted the quarterly Health and Safety Report
- An update on Human Resource Issues was provided by Diana Chaloner. Topics covered were Recruitment and Selection, Pay Deal 09-11, Performance Management and Payroll Provision.
- John Hirst provided an update on the ongoing work with the Operational Efficiency Programme and the Board noted that HMT would be providing an update on progress for Pre-Budget Report.
- Dee Cotgrove presented the findings of the Ipsos Mori survey - a public attitude survey about climate change - jointly sponsored by the Met Office and the EA, highlighting the benefits gained from partnering with other



organisations, not just in science but also in communications. The Board were informed that the survey would be jointly presented at the EA conference on 9-10 November.

- Jon Petch gave an informative presentation to the Board on planned developments for the presentation of Met Office Science and raising the profile of Met Office scientists on the web.
- It was confirmed to the Board that the Met Office Awards of Excellence were scheduled for 1400-1600 on the 10th December.
- **Close of Meeting**