



Met Office Board

Summary

March 30th 2010

- The minutes of meeting held on 23 Feb 2010 were agreed. Highlighted actions were reviewed and closed.
- John Hirst reported positive progress for the Key Performance Targets.
- The forecasting KPTs were discussed in detail, including the positive impact implementing the model developments from the Parallel Suite 23.
- The PWS elements for KPT4 were discussed and it was confirmed that recent successes, including the mobile pages for the web going live, would see at least 7, possibly 8, of the elements for the target satisfied.
- John Hirst reported that Ministerial approval had been achieved for the Meteosat Third Generation Satellite programme and thanked all involved for their parts in achieving this.
- John Hirst confirmed that following the setting up of the UK Space Agency, he had accepted a position in the Leadership Council – formed to set the strategic direction of the Space Agency.
- The Board were informed that the pay remit was currently with the Minister for approval.
- The Board were informed that the Met Office had received information that WSI had withdrawn from the Road market.
- The cross-government climate service provision group, chaired by John Beddington (Chief Scientific Advisor) was discussed, including the formation of a sub-group regarding supercomputing resources.
- Nick Jobling delivered the finance report, including progress on the Business profitability and ROCE targets.
- The Board noted the Budget for FY1011 as presented.
- Proposed Key Performance Targets for FY1011 were presented and approved by the Board.



- The Risk Appetite framework was presented and approved by the Board, noting that the process of review was the important thing in raising common awareness and understanding.
- Robert Napier and John Hirst gave a verbal summary of the Met Office Owners Council the previous month, including the good presentation on the Meteosat Third Generation programme for the Minister.
- Julia Slingo presented the new science strategy and discussed with the Board the proposed changes to the structure which would accompany it. The Board accepted the strategy and agreed the structure fitted very well with it.
- The Board were given an informative presentation on the development of the Climate Service. The Board were very supportive and looked forward to further developments.
- Brian Hoskins gave the Board an update on the EIT KIC (European Institute of Technology Climate Knowledge Innovation Centre).
- The Board noted an update on progress for Phase 2 of the supercomputer.
- The Register of Interests was updated.
- This was the last meeting for Denise Harker after 5 years on the Met Office Board. Robert Napier gave her thanks for all her hard work on behalf of the Met Office. All wish her the best for the future.
- The next meeting was conformed as being in Exeter on April 27th 2010
- **Close of Meeting**