



Met Office Board

Summary

28 November 2013

- The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2013 were agreed and completed actions were closed.
- Greg Clarke, Chair, welcomed Michael Harrison to the Board explaining that Michael would replace David Curley as the Shareholder Executive representative on the Met Office Board. The Board thanked David for his input over the past 18 months.
- John Hirst, the Chief Executive, delivered his report to the Board, updating them on a number of important issues including the BIS Strategic Review and funding for the Met Office Hadley Centre Climate Programme.
- John Hirst explained to the Board how the Met Office had supported the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical & Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) with high resolution modelling of Typhoon Haiyan in the days running up to its impact. The Board discussed how the Met Office's International Natural Hazard Partnership could play a key role in maximising the use of early warnings to enable mitigating actions and deploy aid more rapidly in the future.
- The Chief Financial Officer, Nick Jobling, updated the Board on the finances for AP7, which the Board noted.
- Nick Jobling updated the Board on progress made with the High Performance Computing Outline Business Case. It was agreed that there would be a deeper dive into this subject at the next meeting.
- Phil Evans, Government Services Director, presented an overview of Met Office Government Contracts to the Board which was much appreciated.
- Marion Mittermaier, Model Diagnostics and Novel Verification Manager, presented to the Board an overview of the scientific verification work that is carried out at the Met Office. Derrick Ryall, Head of the Public Weather Service, delivered a presentation on how we translate those into public measures and the importance of perception.
- John Hirst updated the Board on the key outcomes of a recent Executive Away Day.
- Alberto Arribas, Seasonal Forecasting Manager, presented the Board with an overview of how and why seasonal prediction, especially the



prediction of the winter season, has improved at the Met Office over the past two years. Alberto also explained how these forecasts are now being used by the transport and energy sectors.

- The next meeting would be held in Exeter on 27 January 2014.