



Met Office Board

Summary

24 September 2013

- The minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2013 were agreed and completed actions were closed.
- John Hirst, the Chief Executive, delivered his report to the Board.
- The Board discussed the different types of forecast verification carried out at the Met Office and noted that a deeper discussion on this would be held at the November meeting.
- John Hirst updated the Board on a number of important issues including funding issues and the Met Office's relationship with certain key customers.
- The Chief Financial Officer, Nick Jobling, updated the Board on the finances for AP5, which the Board noted.
- Phil Evans, Government Services Director led a workshop type discussion on stakeholder engagement for the new Non-Executive Directors.
- Nick Jobling presented the Health and Safety report to the Board which they noted.
- Julia Slings, Chief Scientist, explained what involvement the Met Office had had in the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report so far. Julia outlined the key conclusions that were expected to come out of the report in the following days.
- The Board discussed the likely press attention the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report would bring.
- Nick Jobling led a discussion on the effectiveness of the Met Office's business structure and the potential benefits of alternative models.
- The next meeting would be held in London on 28 November.