



Met Office Board

Summary

26 Jun 2012

- The minutes presented for 29th May 2012 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.
- The actions were reviewed, with those highlighted agreed to be closed.
- The Chief Executive, John Hirst, delivered his report to the Board.
- The Board discussed the Business Performance Measures.
- The Board discussed the ITV contract in detail along with other TV services.
- The Board noted the successful agreement for the CAA contract and asked to be informed once it had been formally signed. The details of the expected efficiency savings were discussed and the Board agreed it was a sensible agreement for all concerned. The Board passed their congratulations to all involved.
- Positive stories in the media, including the recent Daily Telegraph article and coverage of the Olympic Torch relay were discussed.
- Chief Scientist, Julia Slingo, related the success of the Met Office Hadley Centre Climate Programme launch. JH confirmed it had been fantastic – with Stephen Belcher leading the talks and both Norman Lamb MP and Greg Barker MP giving enthusiastic and complementary speeches.
- JH drew the Boards attention to the letter from Norman Lamb MP congratulating the Met Office on coming 9th in the social media awards.
- JH informed the Board of the Met Office's success be in the top 100 of business to business brands and (announced that day) to come 9th in the Social Brands awards.
- JH gave a summary of the work going on at the WMO Exec Council in Geneva that he was attending.
- ECMWF Council and the HPC and potential building move were covered. JH noted that the Met Office was considering the best way to manage the ECMWF relationship for the good of the UK and the Met Office.



- The issue of funding for international programmes across Europe, especially EUMETSAT payments were analysed.
- The PWS forecast accuracy graphs were discussed.
- JH informed the Board that the Met Office Civil Contingencies Aircraft was expected to be flying again before the Olympics.
- JH informed the Board that Diana Chaloner would be moving to become Director of HR at the Environment Agency following her secondment to BIS. The Board wished Diana well and sent her their congratulations.
- Chief Financial officer, Nick Jobling, delivered the AP2 finance reports, which the Board noted.
- The papers prepared for the PDG and Ministerial meeting were reviewed and discussed in detail, including the issues of Trading Fund efficiency and data releases.
- JS took the Board through the paper prepared for DEFRA following the transition in April from very dry to significant rainfall and the situation was discussed in detail and the timeline analysed.
- Chief meteorologist briefed the Board on the current weather, including the expectation of severe thunderstorms in the coming week.
- Director of Business Development gave the Board an informative presentation on the work and progress with the Climate Service.
- Head of Civil Aviation gave the Board a presentation covering the range of services which are provided to the CAA, both regulated and unregulated. He also explained some of the detail behind the CAA contract which had recently been agreed.
- The next meeting was confirmed as including a strategy session, to be held in Exeter on July 30th and 31st.
- **Close of Meeting**