



Met Office Board

Summary

26 March 2013

- The minutes of the meeting held on 26 Feb 2013 were agreed. The Board reviewed the actions and agreed to close those which had been completed.
- John Hirst, the Chief Executive, delivered his report to the Board. The Board discussed AP11 performance against the Business Performance Measures noting that the latest PWS target had been signed off.
- John Hirst updated the Board on a number of current issues, including international developments such as the European Commission's interest in the Natural Hazard Partnership model.
- The Board discussed recent developments in the commercial sector. This included an update on the Johnny Zero project.
- The Chief Financial Officer, Nick Jobling, updated the Board on the finances for AP11, which the Board noted. The Board discussed how all opportunities to maximise the end of year revenue figures were being vigorously pursued.
- The Board discussed the key issues that arose from a recent study into the effectiveness of the Met Office's business structure. This included the difficulties found attracting and retaining specialist staff within the current Pay Remit. It was agreed that Greg Clarke would write to Michael Fallon on the subject.
- Phil Evans, Government Services Director updated the Board on stakeholder engagement at the Met Office.
- Phil Evans updated the Board on recent developments in the Environmental Science to Service Partnership (ESSP). This included a product demonstration of the MyFish app.
- Nigel Wood, Head of Dynamics Research, presented the Board with an overview of the Unified Model's dynamical core and how future core designs could make best use of available computing power.
- The Board discussed and formally approved the Budget and BPMs for FY1314. The Board considered the Risk Appetite and endorsed the proposed Risk Plan.
- The next meeting would be held in Exeter on May 29.