



Met Office Board

Summary

29 January 2013

- The minutes of the meeting held on 29 Nov 2012 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 performance against the Business Performance Measures and discussed methods to further improve recycling figures from 79%.
- The Board discussed the recent engagement with the Public Data Group Board, the Open Data User Group and the ongoing work to support the Shakespeare Review of Public Sector Information.
- The Board discussed a range of issues including John Hirst's recent meeting with Martin Donnelly at BIS and a visit to the Norwegian Meteorological Service for their 175th Anniversary Celebrations where he delivered a key note speech.
- The Head of Finance, Nick Jobling, updated the Board on the finances for AP9, which the Board noted. The Board agreed to put a full commercial update on the agenda for the February meeting.
- Alan Dickinson explained the supercomputing procurement cycle to the Board and presented the *Gateway Review: Operations Review and Benefits Realisation Paper*. The Board commended the paper and thanked Alan and his team for their hard work on this.
- The Board discussed the next supercomputer procurement business case and endorsed the *Strategic Outline Case* subject to one or two minor adjustments. The Board agreed to mandate preparation of the Outline Business Case by autumn 2013.
- The Board discussed the effectiveness of the Met Office Board format and agreed to have longer, less frequent meetings in order to fully delve into key strategic issues. The changes will take place from March 2013.
- Rob Varley, the Operations and Service Delivery Director presented the Six Monthly Sustainability Report to the Board. The Board noted their particular appreciation for the STEM work.
- The next meeting would be held in Exeter on February 26.