



## **Met Office Board**

### **Summary**

**31 July 2013**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2013 were agreed and completed actions were closed.
- John Hirst, the Chief Executive, delivered his report to the Board. The Board discussed a number of important issues including pay and the Met Office's next generation High Performance Computer.
- John Hirst updated the Board on a number of current issues, including a recent restructure in BIS, and recent business developments with the Department for Transport.
- The Board discussed the Met Office's recent engagement with Defra and a number of opportunities that have been uncovered in the farming and agrichemicals industry.
- The Chief Financial Officer, Nick Jobling, updated the Board on the finances for AP3, which the Board noted.
- Julia Slingo, Chief Scientist, presented the Board with an overview of the findings of the three recently published science papers on the recent pause in global warming.
- Rob Varley, Operations and Service Director, presented the Board with the latest Customer Service Report and the latest Sustainability Report, which were both noted.
- Bruce Truscott, Head of Observations Partnerships, joined the meeting to outline the approval process and timelines of the EUMETSAT Polar System – Second Generation Programme of polar orbiting weather satellites. The Board endorsed the proposed approach.
- The Board discussed the effectiveness of the Met Office's business structure and the potential benefits of alternative models.
- The next meeting would be held in Exeter on 24 September.