



## **Met Office Board**

### **Summary**

**27 January 2014**

- The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2013 were agreed and completed actions were closed.
- John Hirst, the Chief Executive, delivered his report to the Board, updating the Board members on a number of important issues including progress of the BIS Strategic Review and outcomes of a recent Climate Communications Workshop held at the Met Office with officials from the Department for Energy and Climate Change.
- John Hirst updated the Board on the recent appointment of four new science fellows at the Met Office. John Hirst also updated the Board on ongoing efforts to reignite the Met Office Women's Network.
- The Chief Financial Officer, Nick Jobling, presented the AP9 Finance Report to the Board.
- Nick Jobling and the High Performance Computing Programme team updated the Board on the progress to date with the HPC Business Case, outlining the approval process and project timeline ahead.
- Arwel Griffiths, Business Development Director, updated the Board on progress made in the commercial sector since the September Strategy Day.
- Nick Jobling presented the Corporate Plan Update to the Board. The Board discussed the plan at length and agreed to include more details on the socio-economic value Met Office services deliver to the UK economy.
- The Board discussed the Met Office's operating model which is a hybrid of public and private sector models.
- Kay Eldergill, Human Resources Director, presented an HR report to the Board.
- Rob Varley, Operations and Services Director presented the Sustainability Committee's report to the Board. The Board discussed the appropriateness of the current Business Performance Measures.
- The next meeting would be held in Exeter on 19 March 2014.