



Met Office Board

Summary

31 July 2014

- The minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2014 and 26th June 2014 were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.
- John Hirst, Chief Executive, delivered his report to the Board including a number of important issues such as the increasingly acute problem of below market pay at the Met Office, progress on the critical success factors and developments in the international weather services markets.
- Andrew McKean, Executive Head of Finance, presented the AP3 Finance Report to the Board.
- Nick Jobling, Chief Financial Officer and Senior Responsible Officer for the HPC project presented the High Performance Computing Full Business Case to the Board for their approval to submit to BIS. The Board supported the submission of the FBC to BIS.
- John Hirst presented an overview of the Met Office's commercial business and explained how it encourages efficiency, customer focus and innovation across the whole office.
- Rob Varley, Operations and Services Director presented the six-monthly sustainability report to the Board.
- David Walters, Manager of Global Atmospheric Model Development, updated the Board on the Met Office Unified Model's new dynamical core for seamless atmospheric prediction. David gave an overview of the benefits the new dynamical core is expected to bring to model performance.
- Wendy Barnes, Non-Executive Director, updated the Board on a Gender Balance seminar she delivered to Met Office staff the day prior to the Board. The Board agreed to spend more time during the next HR Update looking at Gender Balance at the Met Office.
- The Board expressed their whole hearted thanks to John Hirst for the leadership, support and guidance he has shown as Met Office Chief Executive over the past seven years, and wished him every success for the future.
- The next meeting would be held in Exeter on 23rd September 2014.